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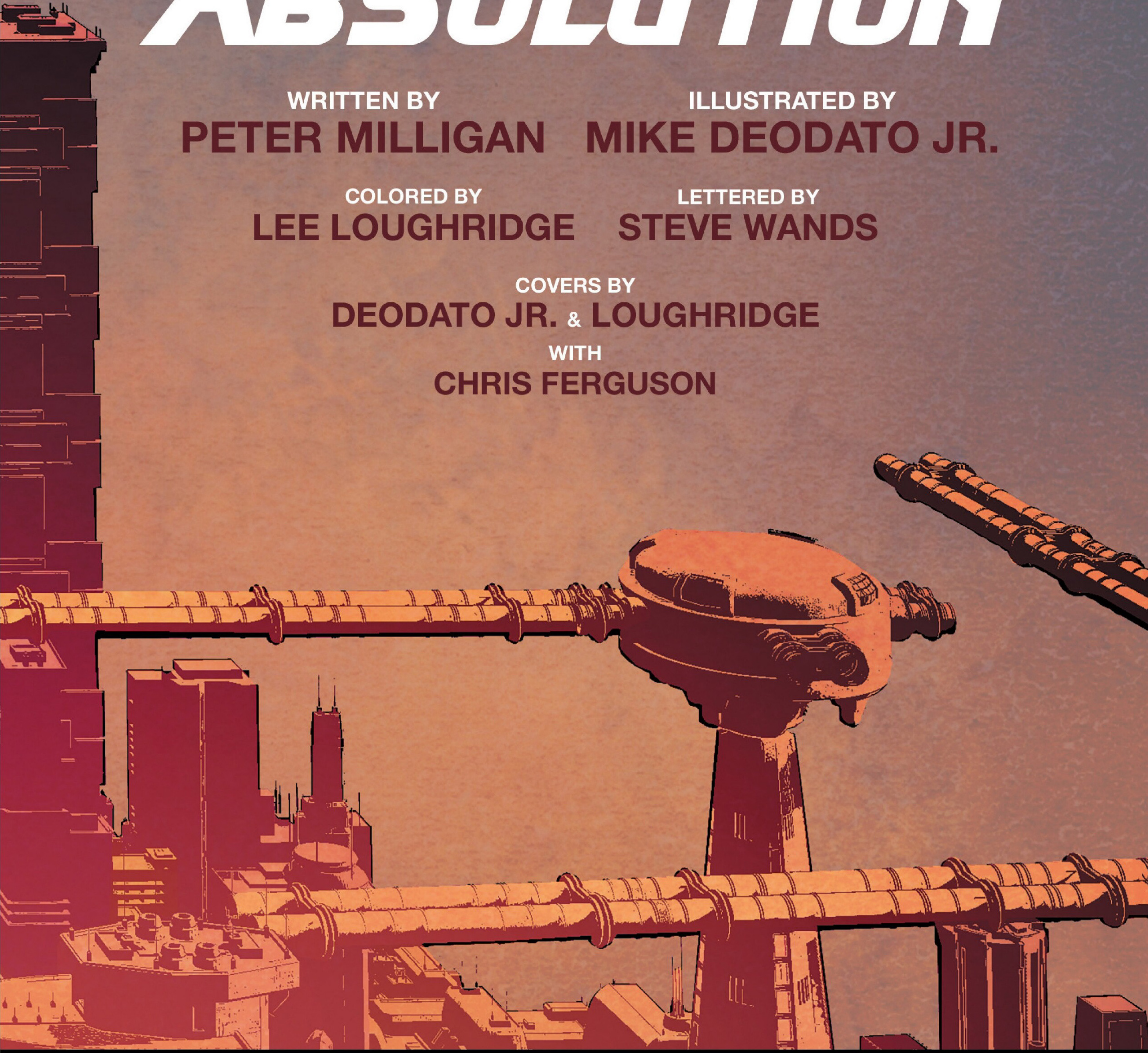

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M MATURE
UNDER 17 REQUIRES COMIC TO BE READ BY AN ACCOMPANYING PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN

I HAVE NOTHING PERSONALLY AGAINST LLOYD NIXON.
IT ISN'T ANGER OR REVENGE OR EVEN MONEY THAT DRIVES ME UP TO HIS PENTHOUSE.
THAT FORCES ME TO FIGHT THESE VICIOUS CROSSWINDS.
I DON'T EVEN CARE HOW LLOYD NIXON GETS HIS FUN.
SO WHY AM I GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO KILL HIM?

IS THIS WHY?
A DREAM OF VOICES.
A WHISPER OF HANDS AND SHARP INSTRUMENTS.
--THAT'S THE LESIONS SEEN TO. HOW'S THE THORACIC DIAPHRAGM COMING ON?
A CONFUSION OF UNNATURAL MOMENTS.
INSERTING SECOND AND THIRD APPLIANCES...
BE CAREFUL WITH THOSE THINGS, OR--
BOOM!
HAH! HAH!
BOOM.

DO I REALLY REMEMBER ALL OF THAT?
EVEN NOW THE MEMORIES ARE SLIPPING AWAY. BUT I CAN FEEL THEM INSIDE ME.
"IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE, NINA," THEY SAID AT MY TRIAL.
WHICH HAPPENS TO BE A LIE.
FOR A MAN WHO DEALS IN NARCOTICS AND HUMAN FLESH, LLOYD NIXON IS UNUSUALLY FASTIDIOUS.
NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN **HIS** PENTHOUSE.
SO AT LEAST **ONE** GUARD WILL BE OUT HERE.
FEEDING HIS ADDICTION.
--!!
MAKES TWO OF US.

THE CAMERA FITTED TO MY EYE LIVESTREAMS MY POV.
BUT IN THIS WORLD OF **UBIQUITOUS SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS** JUST ABOUT OUR EVERY MOVE IS CAPTURED. SO THEY'LL BE GETTING **WIDE-SHOTS** TOO.
WITH A TWITCH OF A THOUGHT I BRING UP THE **DISPLAY.**
I WEIGH UP MY PERFORMANCE.
SEE WHERE I COULD MAKE A FEW TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.
ABSOLUTION LIVE
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LIVE CHAT
Send a message
SHOP NOW
CLICK HERE
FREE 2 PLAY
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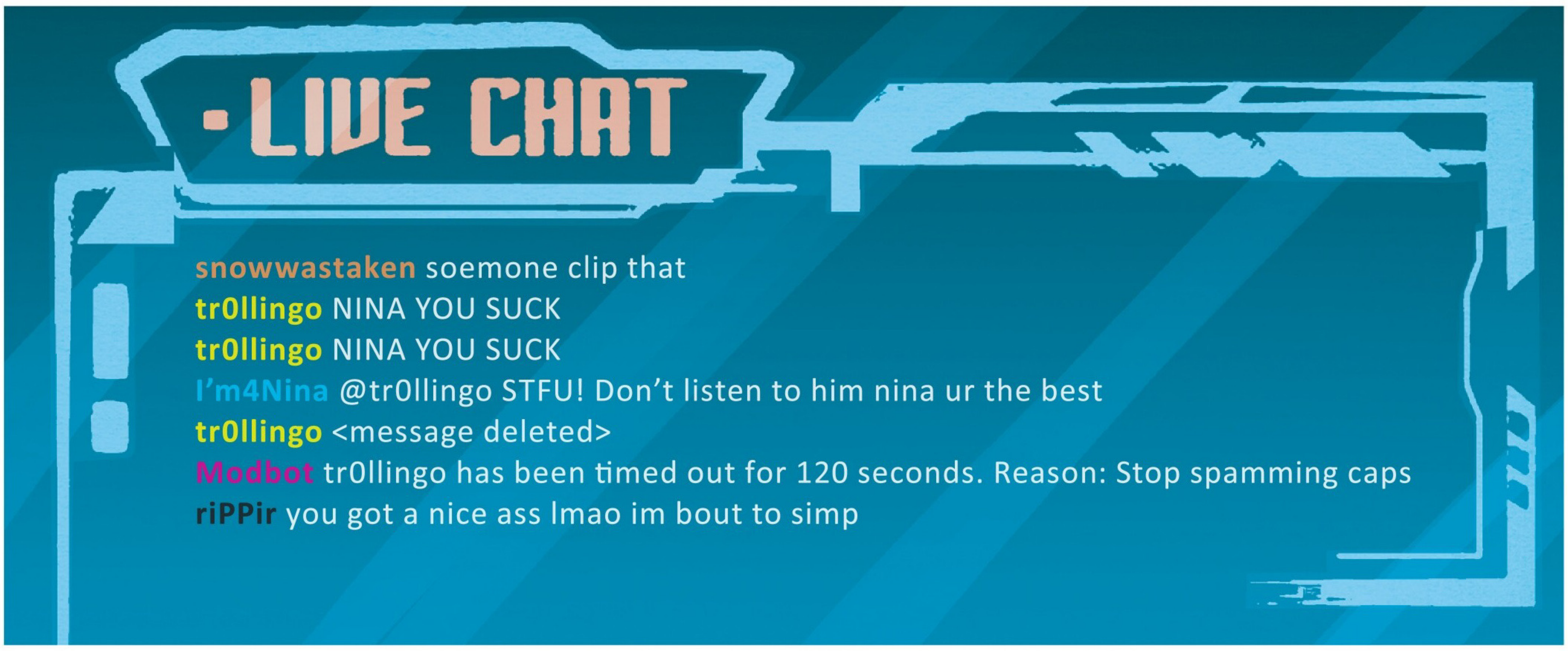
CHECK A **FLASHBACK** FOR ONE VITAL ELEMENT OF ANY ASSASSIN'S WORK.
NO VISIBLE PANTY LINE.
SOME EYE-IN-THE-SKY GETS A PERFECT ANGLE.
SATISFIED WITH MY DERRIERE, I DECIDE TO INTERACT WITH SOME OF MY WONDERFUL FOLLOWERS...

PidgeonButterfly: anyone else felling motion sick
goodsoup: 👍
Dollhouse985: @whoajack yeah that was irritating
wednesdaymydudes: AHFGJVA;AKJS nasty way to die
1dollakush: fight fight fight
L_JENKINS: just charge in
BlorboPlinko: @lilmeowmeow that press conference where



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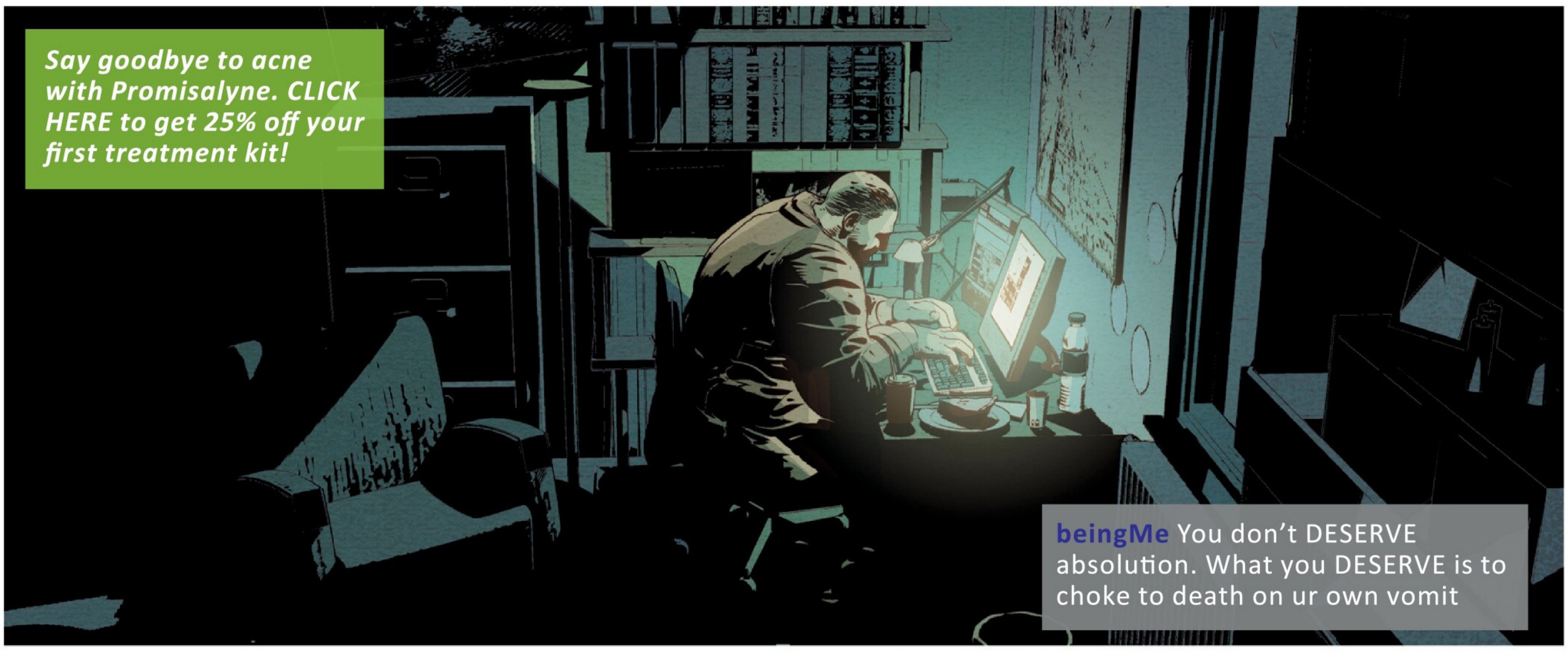
tr0llingo NINA YOU SUCK
tr0llingo NINA YOU SUCK
I'm4Nina @tr0llingo STFU! Don't listen to him nina ur the best
tr0llingo <message deleted>
Modbot tr0llingo has been timed out for 120 seconds. Reason: Stop spamming caps
riPPir you got a nice ass lmao im bout to simp



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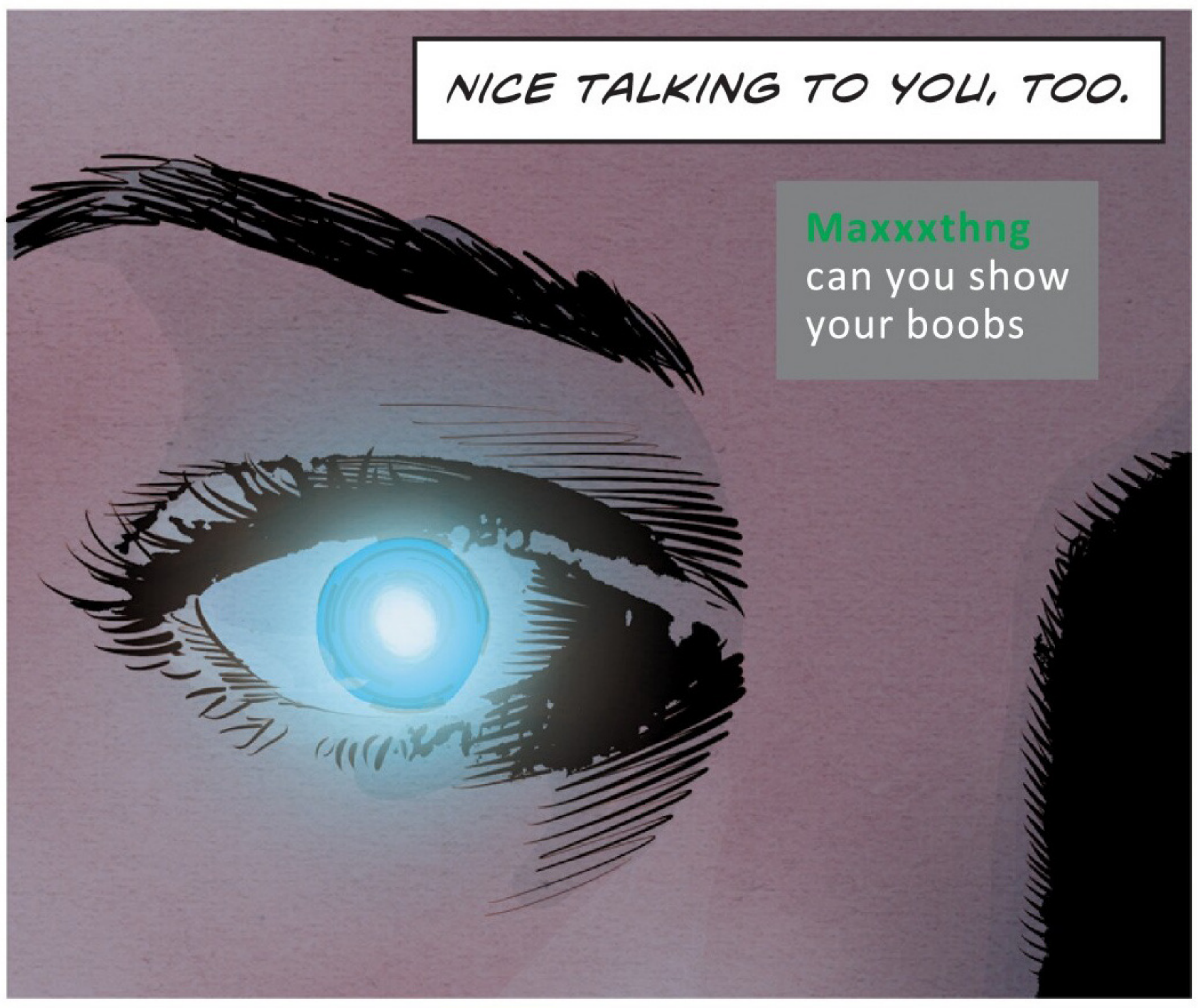
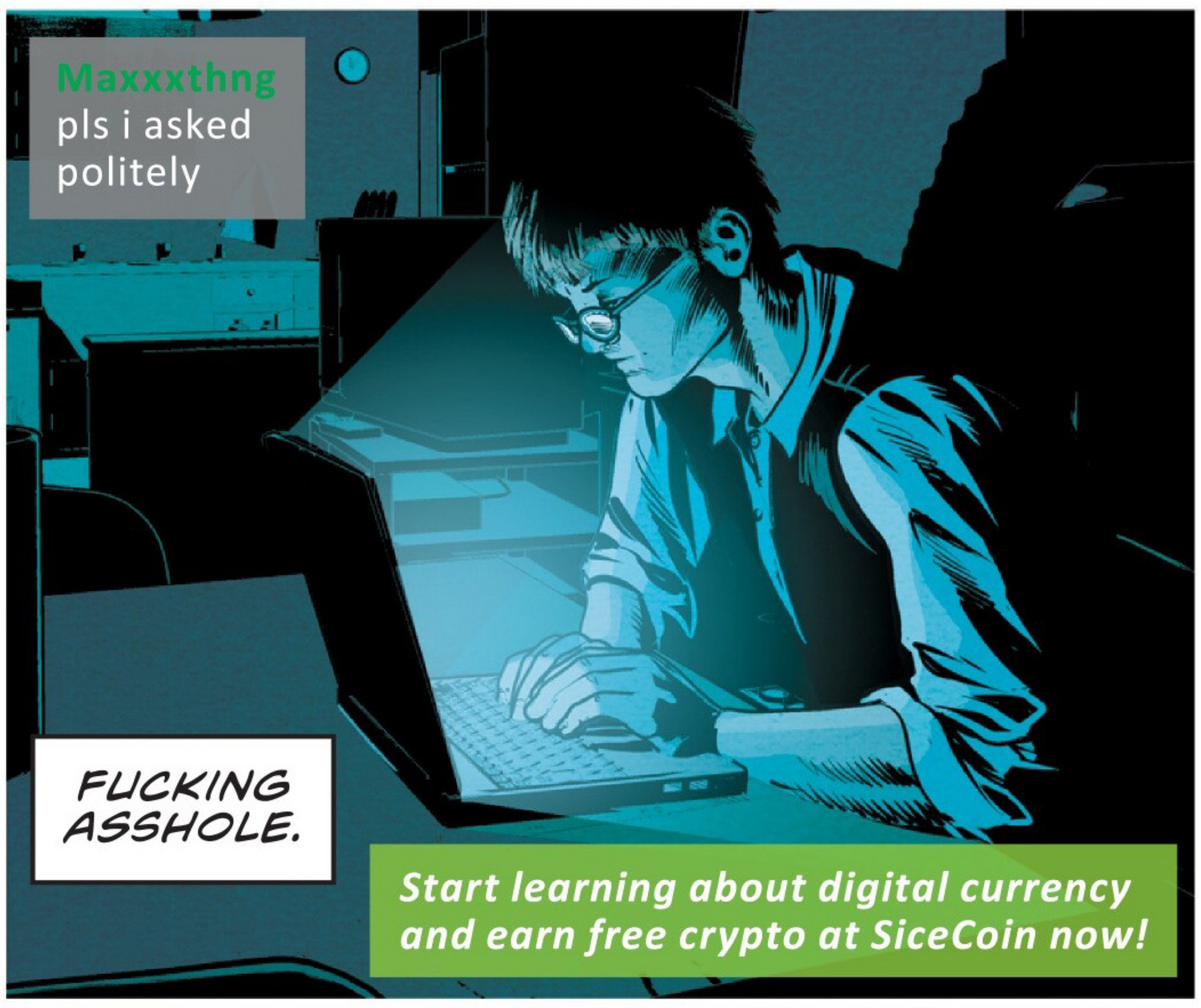
beingMe You don't DESERVE absolution. What you DESERVE is to choke to death on ur own vomit


NICE TALKING TO YOU, TOO.

Maxxxthng can you show your boobs



Maxxxthng pls i asked politely

FUCKING ASSHOLE.

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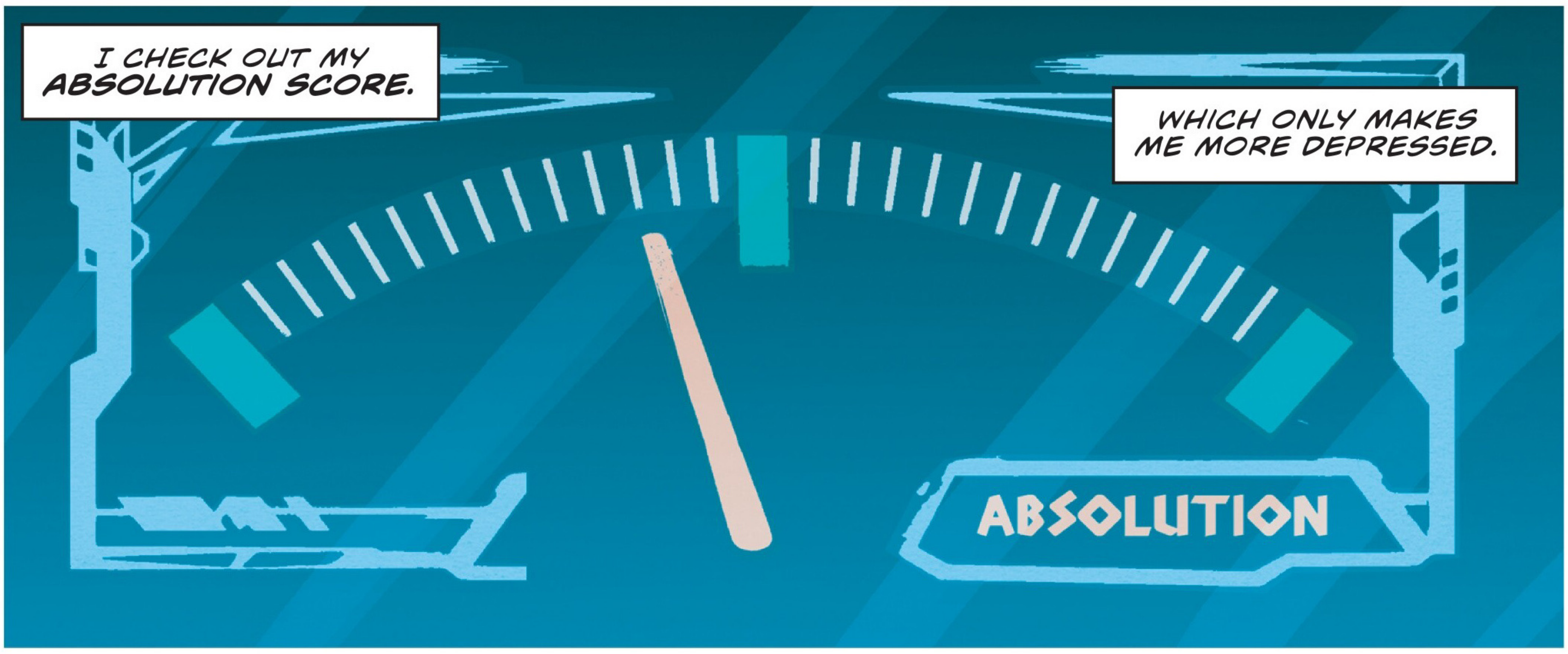
I CHECK OUT MY ABSOLUTION SCORE.
WHICH ONLY MAKES ME MORE DEPRESSED.
ABSOLUTION

WHATEVER I THINK OF MY AUDIENCE, I NEED TO **CONNECT** TO THEM BETTER.
THERE'LL BE MORE GUARDS INSIDE. BUT THEY WON'T EXPECT TROUBLE FROM THIS DIRECTION.
AND I'M NOTHING IF NOT TROUBLE.
I'LL RAISE YOU EIGHTY. MAYBE THAT'S TOO RICH FOR YOUR BLOOD, CHIMSKI?
I COULD JUST SHOOT THEM.
THEIR HEADS WOULD DISINTEGRATE BEFORE THEY KNEW I WAS HERE.
KISS MY POLISH ASS, O'REILLY. I'M FEELING LUCKY. RAISE YOU A FAT C. OH YEAH!
THEN I THINK ABOUT MY AUDIENCE AND MY DISAPPOINTING **ABSOLUTION SCORE.**
AND I REALIZE, THIS GAME'S NOT ABOUT WINNING.
IT'S ABOUT **HOW** YOU WIN.
STILL FEELING LUCKY, BOYS?

WHAT THE *FUCK?*
WHERE IS SHE--?
RIGHT BEHIND THE--
THNKK
UGHN!
ReadyorNot
YESSS
THDD
AAGH!
SarahH
nina nation RISE
WELL? HOW AM I DOING?

HOW'S SHE *DOING?*
I'M *EARL SMITH,* AND IN OUR STUDIO TONIGHT WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE MISTER ANDREW MAYNARD, THE *PEOPLE'S ABSOLUTIONER* WHO POPULARIZED THE TRIPLE-GARROTING.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER PERFORMANCE SO FAR, ANDREW?
GAME AIN'T WON AT HALFTIME, EARL. AND I'VE STILL GOT MY DOUBTS ABOUT HER DEFENSE.
LET'S SEE THAT EARLY MOVE AGAIN.
I GUESS AFTER EIGHT FLOORS, I *WAS* HOPING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE INVENTIVE--
BETH MISHKIN. D'YOU THINK NINA'S BRINGING HER "A" GAME?
AS MUCH AS GENDER LOYALTIES WOULD LIKE ME TO SAY YES, I'M AFRAID NOT, EARL.
THE WAY SHE TOOK OUT THOSE TWO OTHER GUARDS... PURE STYLE OVER SUBSTANCE. AND THAT KNIFE IN THE EYE WAS SIMPLY CRASS.

SHE WAS PUTTING ON A SHOW!
IT WAS UNNECESSARILY BRUTAL. IT LACKED *GRAVITAS.*
GRAVITAS? IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT, VIEWERS?
ANDREW, WHAT'S YOUR *PROFESSIONAL* TAKE?
BETH IS RIGHT. SOMETHING ARTIFICIAL ABOUT THOSE LAST TWO HITS.
WHEN I BROUGHT DOWN THE *KEITH FELIX CREW* THE FANS COULD SEE I WASN'T FOOLIN' AROUND. *THAT'S* HOW YOU GET *ABSOLUTION.*
OVERALL I'M DISAPPOINTED... ESPECIALLY AS NINA RYAN CAME INTO THIS WITH SUCH A *BIG REP.*
QUESTION IS, DOES SHE *DESERVE* THAT REP?
BEFORE WE GO TO A FEW WORDS FROM OUR *SPONSORS,* HERE'S A BRIEF RECAP OF *NINA RYAN'S* GLITTERING CAREER...

"NINA RYAN WAS A TROUBLED YOUNG WOMAN WITH A BUNCH OF VERY GROWN-UP ANGER CONTROL ISSUES.
POLICE
"AFTER SEVERAL SPELLS IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS, HER TALENT WAS SPOTTED BY THE INFAMOUS **BOISSEAU CARTEL.**
"SHE WAS SOON ONE OF THEIR MOST FEARED ASSASSINS-- BEFORE LEAVING TO BECOME AN **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**
"SINCE THEN, NINA HAS OVER 158 CONFIRMED KILLS TO HER CREDIT.
"BUT HER STELLAR CAREER CAME TO AN ABRUPT END TWO MONTHS AGO.
"THE RESULT OF A POLICE STING AFTER A TIP-OFF FROM HER EARLY MENTORS, THE **BOISSEAUS...**"
THAT'S NINA RYAN'S **PAST.**
THE QUESTION NOW IS...

"...DOES SHE HAVE A *FUTURE?*"
tr0llingo fat bih ur not even hot
beingMe @tr0llingo ikr? i'm only here so i can see her head explode lololol 💣💣💣💥
ONE GOOD THING ABOUT NOT SHOOTING THOSE GUYS.
I MIGHT STILL HAVE THE **ELEMENT OF SURPRISE** ON MY SIDE.
OR MAYBE NOT.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
NIXON'S GIRLS ARE KNOWN FOR BEING FIERCELY LOYAL.
THEY HAVE A LOT TO LOSE.
THE MONEY. THE APARTMENTS. THE PRESTIGE.
FROM WHAT I HEAR--
AAGHHH!
--THEY EARN EVERYTHING THEY GET.

NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
HOW'S HER SCORE, ANDREW?
LOOKIN' WAY MORE HEALTHY.
OF COURSE IT IS. SEX SELLS.
I'M SURE IF THOSE SEMI-NAKED WOMEN STARTED WRESTLING IN MUD IT'D BE EVEN MORE POPULAR.
THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHAT IT WANTS.
SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC IS TEDIOUSLY PREDICTABLE. OBJECTIFYING NAKED WOMEN IS OFFENSIVE.
SOME PEOPLE WANT TO BE OFFENDED.
WAIT! LOOK--THIS IS GOOD. OH--
"--THIS IS REAL GOOD.
AGGH!
"I MEAN, THAT'S GOTTA HURT!"

I HAVE TO END THIS.
beingMe
lets gooooooooooo!!!! kill the black slut!!!!!
Janeer
@beingMe racist pig kys
beingMe
@Janeer lmao 🚨 triggered sjw in the chat alert🚨
tr0llingo
wtf KILL her already! this stupid bitch has lost her nerve
I FEEL SICK TO MY STOMACH.
GO, WALK OUT OF HERE. WALK AWAY FROM IT ALL.
B-BUT...YOUR ABSOLUTION...?
TO HELL WITH IT. JUST GO.
tr0llingo
fuckin called it. lame
Maxxxthng
i'll give extra points if you MAKE OUT w her
Don't miss the best new mobile game on the market! Download Rise of Conquerors today and start playing for free!
I'm4Nina
offering to let her go? ur amazing nina ❤

AS I THOUGHT, LETTING HER GO GETS AN IMMEDIATE DIP IN MY ABSOLUTION SCORE.
A FEW MORE ACTS OF CHARITY LIKE THAT AND YOU'LL BE ***DEAD MEAT.***
THAT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM, NIXON.
AND WHAT OF ***YOUR*** PROBLEM?
AS IN... HALF A DOZEN ***HEAVILY-ARMED MEN,*** ALERTED BY THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE, WHO'LL BE HERE ANY MOMENT.
YOU'RE GOOD...BUT YOU WON'T STAND A CHANCE.
HOWEVER... ACCEPT MY OFFER...AND WE'LL OVERLOOK THIS ***UNPLEASANTNESS.***
WHAT ***OFFER?***
I'VE BEEN WATCHING. YOU'RE NINA RYAN, YOU'RE LIVESTREAMING ON ***ABSOLUTION*** RIGHT NOW.
I CAN HELP YOU...

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.
I HAVE ACCESS TO SOME EXCELLENT SURGEONS WHO'LL SAFELY REMOVE EVERYTHING THE GOVERNMENT *PUT INSIDE YOU.*
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
WHEN YOU'RE AS RICH AS I AM, ***ANYTHING'S*** POSSIBLE. COME ON, LET ME HELP YOU.
AND IN RETURN...I'D BECOME ONE OF YOUR *GIRLS?*
THERE SEEMS TO BE A POSITION VACANT.
Maxxxthng
omg now pop a tit
tr0llingo
that's all you're good for anyway whore
THE ODDS ARE STACKED AGAINST YOU, NINA.
AND SAY SOMEHOW YOU ***ARE*** ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES WHO GETS ABSOLUTION? WHAT ***THEN?***
PEOPLE IN YOUR LINE OF WORK DON'T USUALLY RETIRE WITH A PENSION.
DOES HE HAVE A POINT?

MY TROUBLES--AT LEAST THIS ROUND OF TROUBLES--STARTED WHEN I ACCEPTED A JOB FROM A CLIENT I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRUSTED.
MEANING, I SHOULD HAVE DONE MORE HOMEWORK.
MEANING, I WAS LAZY AND THE MONEY WAS GOOD.
ONLY IT WAS MORE THAN LAZINESS. AND MORE THAN MONEY.
I HADN'T WORKED FOR A MONTH AND WAS GETTING THAT **TICK** IN MY BRAIN.
THAT FURIOUS **TWITCH** THAT MADE ME WANT TO DO SUCH BAD THINGS.
THAT SCREECHING **MONKEY** INSIDE MY SKULL.
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I KNEW HOW TO SHUT THAT DAMNED CREATURE UP.

MY FATAL ERROR.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
I'D STARTED TO NEED IT TOO BAD.
WITH THE NEW JONSON MULTIPLE-HOMICIDE BILL, I KNEW I HAD A HOT DATE WITH A VERY LETHAL INJECTION.
I'D SEEN ENOUGH DEATH FOR TEN LIFETIMES SO THAT DIDN'T SCARE ME.
WHAT SCARED ME WAS THIS.
SLIDING INTO THE MEDICAL SCAN THAT MY DEFENSE TEAM INSISTED I HAVE.
FINE TIME TO LEARN YOU'RE CLAUSTROPHOBIC.

MY TRIAL WAS RESCHEDULED SO IT DIDN'T CLASH WITH THE **WORLD SERIES.** THEN IT WENT COAST-TO-COAST.
THE PROSECUTION WASN'T JUST GOING FOR THE DEATH PENALTY.
BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME NATURE OF MY CRIMES THEY WANTED THE **SLOW DEATH.**
A LETHAL INJECTION WHOSE DEADLY INGREDIENTS WERE DESIGNED TO TAKE A **WHOLE DAY** TO KILL, IN **EXTREME PAIN.**
SLOW DEATH? YES OR NO?
BUT WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THE LINK BETWEEN **NEUROBIOLOGY** AND **CRIME** IS ACCEPTED AND CAN BE USED IN **MITIGATION.**
AND THOSE **MEDICAL SCANS** HAD **FOUND** SOMETHING IN MY ORBITOFRONTAL CORTEX.
SOMETHING THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN MY ANGER **AND** MY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY I AM **WHO I AM.**

NATURALLY I WASN'T SORRY I'D DODGED THE SLOW DEATH.
BUT THE IDEA THAT A FEW **LESIONS** INSIDE MY SKULL HAD MADE ME FEEL THE WAY I DID AND COMMIT THOSE CRIMES?
THAT MADE ME WONDER WHO THE HELL **I** WAS.
I WASN'T OFF THE HOOK YET. LESIONS OR NO LESIONS, I'D STILL KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE.
THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE **ATONED** FOR.
IF I WANTED TO LIVE, I HAD TO GET **ABSOLUTION.**
AND I HAD TO GET IT THE **HARD WAY.**

SINCE THEY REMOVED THE LESIONS FROM MY BRAIN I DO FEEL A CHANGE.
NO MORE SCREECHING MONKEY. NO MORE UNCONTROLLABLE ANGER.
MY GUYS WILL COME IN SHOOTING, NINA. IF YOU WANT ME TO CALL THEM OFF IT HAS TO BE NOW.
AM I A DIFFERENT PERSON NOW?
MAYBE.
BLAM
MAYBE NOT.
NO, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING PERSONAL AGAINST LLOYD NIXON.
AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL I MET THE SMUG BASTARD.
I'm4Nina
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
Maxxxthng
you're such a tease

THE COLD-BLOODED WAY I **OFFED** HIM GAVE MY SCORE A GOOD BOUNCE.
GorgGG
HYPEEEEE
beingMe
ppl ljke you should be rounded up and killed
Suffering from night sweats? Ask your doctor if Lanaxomide is right for you.
Maxxxthng
wish you kissed that pretty black girl
BUT LLOYD NIXON WAS RIGHT.
THE ODDS **ARE** AGAINST ME.
tr0llingo
hope u die now lmaooooo
I CAN FEEL WHAT THEY PUT INSIDE ME.
FEEL THE **HEFT** OF THEM.
NESTLING INSIDE ME LIKE **HARD METALLIC TUMORS.**

SMALL BUT POWERFUL **EXPLOSIVE DEVICES** INSERTED INTO MY SKULL, THORACIC DIAPHRAGM, SACRUM, AND GOD KNOWS WHERE ELSE.
IF I DON'T REACH THE NECESSARY **ABSOLUTION SCORE** WITHIN **ONE MONTH**--OR IF MY NUMBERS DROP BELOW A **CERTAIN LEVEL**--THEY'LL BE AUTOMATICALLY **ACTIVATED.**
BOOM!
THE THING THAT WAS ONCE NINA RYAN WILL BE SUDDENLY AND VERY MESSILY **UNSTITCHED.**
SO KEEP WATCHING, WORLD.
OR IT'LL BE THE DEATH OF ME...

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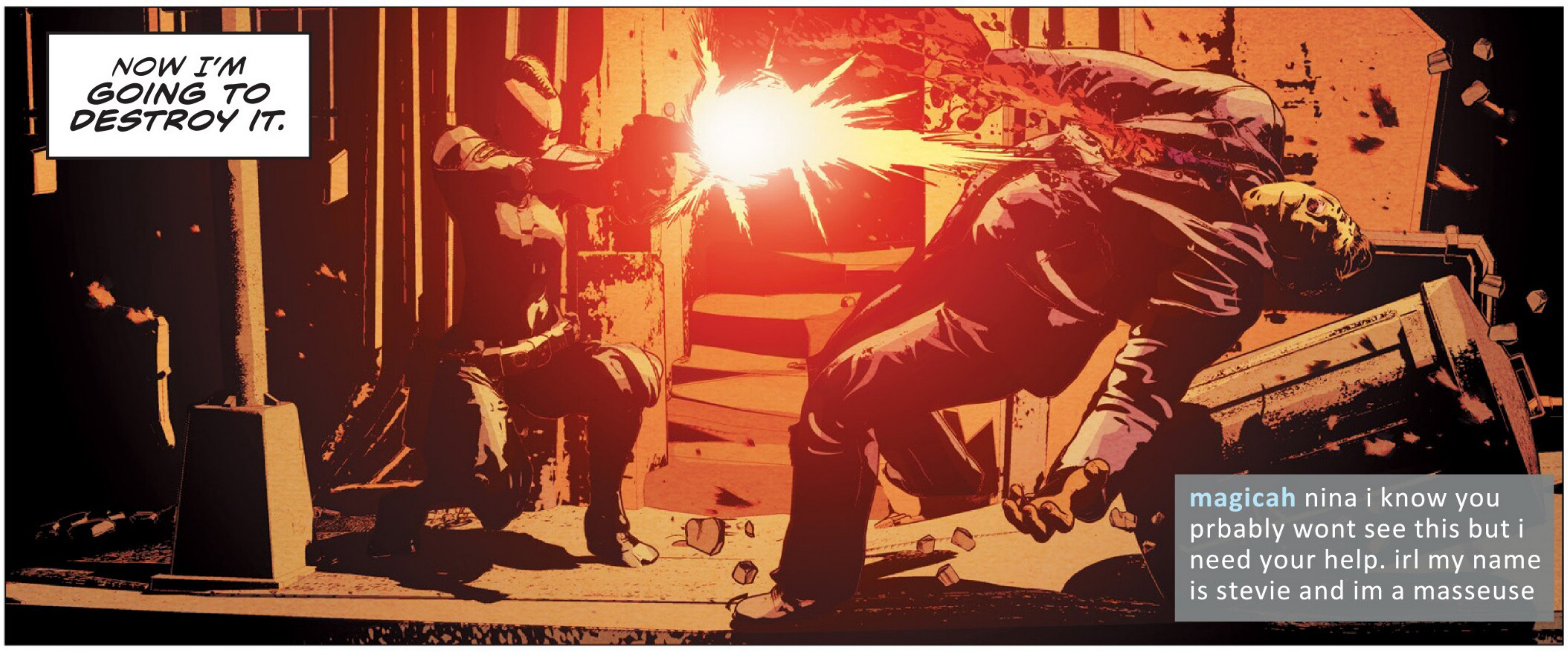
magicah i wish i was more like you nina
magicah i wish i was brave
magicah no one could hurt me if i had your skills
HOW WAS YOUR MASSAGE TODAY, MISTER GERARD?
FINE, STEVIE.
WAIT. HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE ME A *SPECIAL* MASSAGE? AND TAKE THAT *SHIRT* OFF WHILE YOU'RE AT IT. OFTEN WONDERED WHAT YOU'VE GOT HIDDEN UNDER THERE.
I...I'M S-SORRY, MISTER GERARD...I'M NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL...
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR JOB...YOU'RE WHATEVER KIND OF GIRL I SAY YOU ARE...
NOW TAKE THE FUCKING SHIRT OFF.
magicah i wish i was a k1ller

AFTER MY INTERESTING MEETING WITH LLOYD NIXON I MAKE WHAT I MUST SAY IS A PRETTY STYLISH EXIT.
bimothy65 itd be so funny if she ate shit rn 💀💀💀
I'm4Nina superhero landing superhero landing supwrhero landing
THEN AGAIN, MY CLIMBING ROPE IS MADE OF NEW GENERATION POLYAMIDES WOVEN WITH STEEL MESH.
SO I'D HAVE BEEN REAL DISAPPOINTED IF IT HAD SNAPPED.
UGH!
CAUTION
LISTEN.
LLOYD NIXON'S GUARDS HAVE STOPPED SHOOTING.
WHICH MEANS THEY'LL BE TAKING THE ELEVATOR DOWN TO MEET ME.
I REALLY HATE THESE LONG DRAWN-OUT GOODBYES.

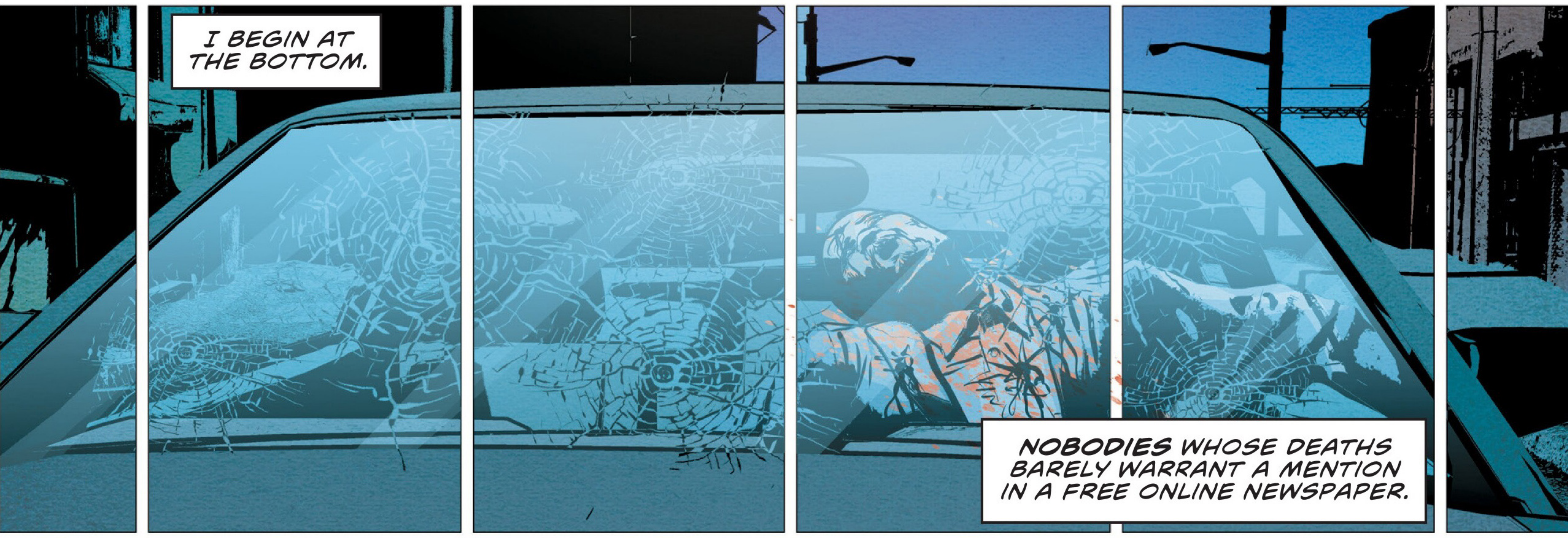
LIKE ALL THE BEST SAFE HOUSES...
MINE ARE IN THE MOST UNSAFE PARTS OF THE CITY.
MOST ASSASSINS HAVE PLACES LIKE THESE.
A BOLT HOLE.
FEXVEX
SOMEWHERE TO KEEP WEAPONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.
SOMETIMES SIMPLY A PLACE TO CATCH YOUR BREATH.
Maxxxthng when u take ur shirt off to patch urself up can u keep the camera on for the boys
waifuq0_0 what about for the girls 👀👀
I DON'T WANT TO SHARE ANY OF THIS WITH MY FOLLOWERS SO I DOUBLE BLINK.
WHICH GIVES ME A TIME OUT.
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THIS OVER-SURVEILLANCED SOCIETY...
I'M INVISIBLE.

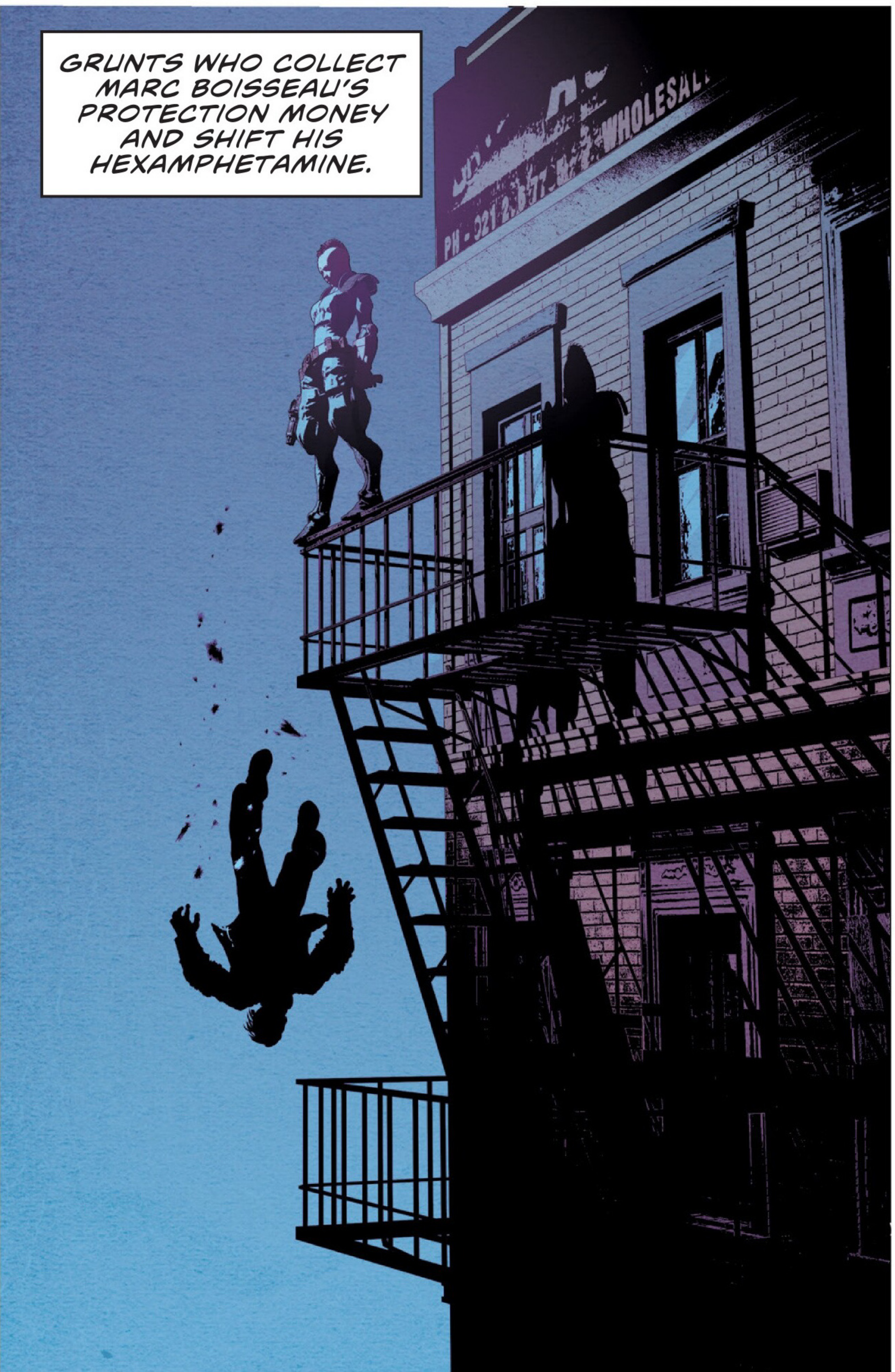
TIME OUTS ARE FOR THOSE **PERSONAL MOMENTS** YOU DON'T WANT TO SHARE.
IF I'M OFFLINE FOR MORE THAN **FIFTEEN MINUTES** AT A TIME, THE BOMBS INSIDE ME GO **BANG**-- SO I HAVE TO MOVE **FAST**.
AFTER THE SCRAPE WITH **NIXON'S BOYS** I'VE GOT A VARIETY OF PUNCTURE WOUNDS, GRAZES, CONTUSIONS.
A TEAR IN THE INTERCOSTAL MUSCLE. SHRAPNEL WOUND IN THE RIGHT QUAD. SOMETHING UP WITH A TENDON IN MY RIGHT HAND.
THE XXG STINGS LIKE HELL AND IS HIGHLY ADDICTIVE BUT KILLS INFECTION AND PROMOTES RAPID HEALING.
IT ALSO DEADENS THE PAIN. EVENTUALLY.
I THINK UP MY DISPLAY.
J_Swiggums !break
modbot @J_Swiggums Nina is currently on a Time Out break! The stream will resume in 2 minutes and 35 seconds
magicah i need this job but he wont stop nd i cant do it again
ABSOLUTION
EVEN AFTER LLOYD NIXON MY **ABSOLUTION SCORE** IS ONLY 28%.
I NEED MORE.

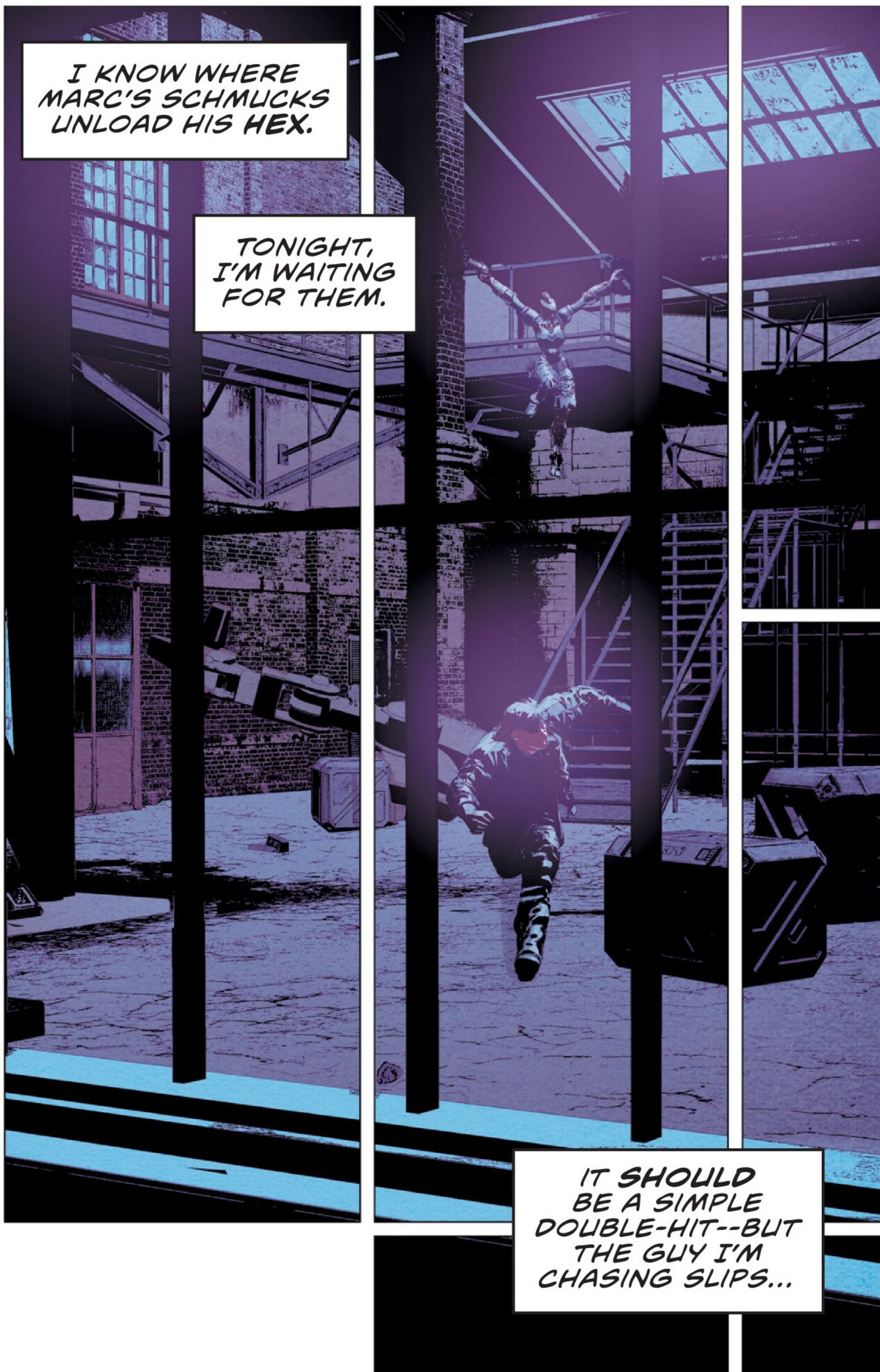
AND I THINK I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET IT.
B-BUSINESS HAS BEEN SLOW, MISTER BLANC. T-TELL MISTER BOISSEAU I'LL HAVE HIS MONEY NEXT WEEK.
I SAW THAT DAUGHTER OF YOURS WEARING A NEW DRESS. BUSINESS IS SO SLOW, HOW COME YOU CAN BUY HER *NEW CLOTHES?*
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK THAT PRETTY *MUCHACHA* FOR THE MONEY?
P-PLEASE, JONNY. L-LEAVE MY DAUGHTER OUT OF--
BLAM
AGHH!
A GOOD ASSASSIN DOESN'T HANG AROUND TO ADMIRE HER WORK.
BUT I LINGER OVER THE DEAD MAN. GIVE EVERYONE A GOOD LOOK AT WHAT'S LEFT OF JONNY BLANC'S BRAINS.
tr0llingo l + you fell off + andrew better
I'm4Nina 🔥💯🔥💯
u_poopin holy shit u guys what a moment to start watching. wtf is going on lol
KILLING JONNY WAS NO RANDOM HIT.
SEE, I USED TO WORK FOR THE *BOISSEAU CARTEL.*


NOW I'M GOING TO DESTROY IT.

magicah nina i know you prbably wont see this but i need your help. irl my name is stevie and im a masseuse


I BEGIN AT THE BOTTOM.
NOBODIES WHOSE DEATHS BARELY WARRANT A MENTION IN A FREE ONLINE NEWSPAPER.


GRUNTS WHO COLLECT MARC BOISSEAU'S PROTECTION MONEY AND SHIFT HIS HEXAMPHETAMINE.
WHOLESALE


I KNOW WHERE MARC'S SCHMUCKS UNLOAD HIS HEX.
TONIGHT, I'M WAITING FOR THEM.
IT SHOULD BE A SIMPLE DOUBLE-HIT--BUT THE GUY I'M CHASING SLIPS...

JESUS. IT'S TOOTS LECLERC. I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE HE WAS IN **SHORT PANTS.** HE'S STILL JUST A **KID.**
I **HESITATE.**
I HAVE TO **FORCE** MYSELF TO END THIS SHORT LIFE.
BLMM BLMM BLMM BLMM
BACK AT THE SAFE HOUSE I THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
CAN'T AFFORD TO HESITATE LIKE THAT. CAN'T AFFORD TO BE THAT KIND OF **PERSON.**
I'M TOUCHING **34%.**
BETTER. BUT IF I WANT TO DODGE THE BOMBS INSIDE ME--
ABSOLUTION
--I NEED MORE...
"UNINSPIRING, PEDESTRIAN..."

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slipking69 can we get some Fs in the chat to pay respect for this guy

beingMe you cant rlly belive you're going to get REAL "absolution" doing this. thats just a cope. you arent capable of earning forgiveness and u never will be

beingMe its over it never even began. just kill your self already

...AND *PREDICTABLE.*
ANY LOW-GRADE THUG WITH A GUN AND A GRUDGE COULD DO WHAT SHE'S DOING.
I DON'T THINK TERMS LIKE *'THUG'* ARE USEFUL IN THIS DISCOURSE.
WE AIN'T TALKING ABOUT *BALLET DANCERS* HERE, BETH.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I HAD TO GET *INVENTIVE* WHEN I TOOK DOWN KEITH FELIX'S CREW. BUT THERE'S NOTHING NEW OR SURPRISING ABOUT *NINA'S* PERFORMANCE.
ANDREW MAYNARD. 26 KILLS. SUCCESSFULLY WON ABSOLUTION.
THAT'S THE WORD FROM ANDREW *"PEOPLE'S ABSOLUTIONER"* MAYNARD AND POPULAR INTELLECTUAL *BETH MISHKIN.*
NOW I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DOCTOR *JOSEF HOFFMAN,* ONE OF NINA'S SURGEONS.
DOCTOR, TELL US WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO NINA RYAN IF SHE DOESN'T GET ABSOLUTION.
SURE, EARL. IT'S A COMMON MISCONCEPTION THAT THERE'LL BE A BIG *EXPLOSION,* BLOWING HER TO PIECES. THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS...
IF SHE FAILS, TINY BOMBS INSIDE HER BRAIN WILL INDUCE SMALL BUT DEBILITATING STROKES.
FURTHER EXPLOSIONS CAUSE VARIOUS ORGANS TO FAIL. LIVER. KIDNEYS. INTESTINES.
DEATH IS MESSY, PAINFUL, AND SLOW...

I'VE GOT TO RAISE MY GAME.
THIS IS A PRIVATE CLUB WHERE BOISSEAU'S **CAPOS** MEET TO DISCUSS STRATEGY AND BITCH ABOUT THEIR WIVES.
THAT'S RIGHT, ALL OF MARC BOISSEAU'S CAPOS ARE **MEN.**
AN HOUR BEFORE THE PLACE OPENED, I PAID IT A VISIT.
YOU NEED MORE THAN A WAY WITH GUNS OR KNIVES IF YOU WANT TO BE A TOP-FLIGHT ASSASSIN.
YOU NEED **TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE...**
LIKE WHERE TO PUT THE PETN EXPLOSIVES FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT.
I WARNED THE STAFF TO MAKE THEMSELVES SCARCE AT THE ALLOTTED HOUR.
NOW **THAT'S** SOMETHING THE OLD ME WOULDN'T HAVE DONE BEFORE.
NOW ALL I CAN DO IS WAIT...

I DON'T WAIT TOO LONG.
BOOOM
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BUT I NEED MORE.
WHICH IS WHY I PLACED THE EXPLOSIVES BENEATH VATS OF HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE COOKING OIL.
BNGG BNGG
IS THIS BETTER?
BNGG BNGG
IS THIS GETTING YOU HOT?
tr0llingo lol r u having a breakdown or smth??? cringe
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magicah i cant do this anymore
magicah how do i k1ll him?
WHOA, I'M ON ABSOLUTION HERE. I CAN'T GO GIVING ADVICE ON HOW TO WASTE PEOPLE.
magicah im srry nina but im desperate. my name is stevie and im getting s3xually a$$aulted at work
I'M SORRY, MAGICAH... I MEAN, STEVIE.
I FEEL BAD FOR HER. I'D LIKE TO HELP HER.
BUT WHAT CAN I DO? I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS.
THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS.
MY SCORE MUST HAVE IMPROVED AFTER THIS LITTLE SHOW.
BUT I STILL NEED MORE...

PIERRE MONET IS GOING PLACES.
ONE OF MARC BOISSEAU'S MOST TRUSTED GUYS, WITH HIS SHREWD BRAINS AND KILLER INSTINCT HE COULD SOON BE MARC'S **RIGHT-HAND MAN.**
BUT PIERRE HAS A WEAKNESS.
UH, OH YEAH, OH YEAH...
UGH... PIERRE...OH... PIERRE...
HE ALSO HAS SOME PRETTY LOUSY **BODYGUARDS.**
D-DID YOU JUST HEAR SOMETHING OUTSIDE?
QUIT...UGH... TALKING...I'M ALMOST...UGH... FINISHED.
TYPICAL MAN...
NEVER LISTENS TO WOMEN.
I START TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER...

BUT I HESITATE AGAIN. NOT BECAUSE I KNEW HIM OR HE WAS NICER THAN THE OTHERS.
I HESITATE TO KILL BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT **NORMAL PEOPLE** DO.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
NORMAL.
NORMAL PEOPLE END UP **DEAD.**
KRKK
KRKK
KRKK
KRKK
KRKK
KRKK
DROP THE GUN, BITCH. OR I'LL BLOW HER HEAD OFF.
I SAID DROP IT!
pomodoki FFS SHOOT!! st2g its like she WANTS to die
THERE WAS A TIME I WOULD HAVE SHOT THEM BOTH.
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THEY **OPERATED** ON MY **BRAIN.** CUT OUT THOSE **LESIONS** THAT MADE ME WHAT AND WHO I WAS.

THAT WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON. NOW I'VE GOT TO **THINK** DIFFERENTLY.
USE MY HEAD.
OR, AT LEAST, MY **BODY.**
YOU WANT SOME OF THIS, PIERRE? I KNOW YOU DO. SO LET'S STOP FIGHTING.
WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND, **CHERI?**
BLMM
AAAGH!
BLMM
AAIIEEE!
REMEMBER WHAT I WAS SAYING ABOUT PIERRE'S **WEAKNESS?**

Maxxxthng
IM
NUTTING

IT TAKES ME AN HOUR TO GET TO MARC BOISSEAU'S MANSION.
A LITTLE LESS TO GET INSIDE.
MARC BOISSEAU.
THE ASSASSIN IS IN THE BUILDING, SIR. SHE KNOWS THE LAYOUT OF THE PLACE. SHE'S VERY SKILLED. AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED.
HE WAS THE ONE WHO TURNED THAT ANGRY YOUNG WOMAN INTO A KILLER.
MAGNIFICENT, ISN'T SHE?
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HER WHEN SHE WAS FIFTEEN. LIKE A WILD ANIMAL! KILLED THREE OF MY BEST MEN WHILE WE WERE TRAINING HER.
WE'VE LOST TRACK OF HER, SIR. SHE'S GONE INVISIBLE.
THERE'S A GYRO WAITING FOR YOU ON THE ROOF. TAKE IT, WHILE WE FIX THIS PROBLEM.
TEACHER, FATHER-FIGURE, AND LOVER. THE MAN I HATE MOST IN THE WORLD.

MY SCORE'S AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 45% UNTIL MARC'S GYRO TAKES OFF.
THE SCORE DROPS TO 39%.
BUT YOU NEED MORE THAN A WAY WITH GUNS OR KNIVES IF YOU WANT TO BE A TOP-FLIGHT ASSASSIN.
YOU NEED **TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**...
KA-BOOOM
LIKE WHERE TO PUT THE PETN EXPLOSIVES FOR **MAXIMUM EFFECT.**
I TOOK A TIME OUT SO NO ONE SAW ME RIG THE BOMBS TO THE GYRO.
I IMMEDIATELY HIT 49%. THE PUBLIC **LIKES** IT.
MAYBE I'M GETTING BETTER AT THIS GAME.

lawslet F
1punman1 F

WHAT A COMBINATION!
CLOSE-UP WORK, STRATEGY, SEX, AND EXPLOSIONS. HOW CAN YOU NOT LOVE THAT?
IT SEEMS OUR GUESTS THIS EVENING DON'T SHARE MY ENTHUSIASM.
A BIG "ABSOLUTION WELCOME" TO PROFESSOR OF NEURO-ETHICS EVA JONES AND CRIMINOLOGIST AUGUST KAHN, AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLING "BEYOND PUNISHMENT".
GUYS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH THAT ISN'T GOING TO GIVE OUR VIEWERS A MIGRAINE... WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH NINA'S PERFORMANCE?
SHE TOOK A WHOLE LOAD OF BAD GUYS OFF THE STREET. AND SHE ENTERTAINED US AS SHE DID IT!
FIRSTLY, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PUNISHMENT AS ENTERTAINMENT.
WELCOME TO THE MODERN WORLD, AUGUST!
SECONDLY, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE SO-CALLED "BAD GUYS" SHALL WE...?

JONNY BLANC WAS ABUSED AS A CHILD.
AND FURTHER BRUTALIZED BY AN UNCARING JUVENILE CORRECTION SYSTEM.
AT FIVE YEARS OLD, RAYMOND PETITE WAS SOLD TO GANGSTERS, WHO RAPED HIM AND FORCED HIM INTO A LIFE OF CRIME.
LESTER ARNAUD AND MICKY CAPRESE WERE BORN INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED. ALAIN RENO'S MOTHER WAS A HEX ADDICT.
THEIR BRAINS WERE ALTERED BY GENETICS OR ENVIRONMENT. IT'S BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN THAT THIS CAN LEAD TO CRIMINALITY... THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN!
EVA AND AUGUST MAKE IMPORTANT POINTS. POVERTY, CHILD ABUSE, MENTAL IMPAIRMENT--THESE SO-CALLED "BAD GUYS" WERE IN FACT VICTIMS.
THEY DESERVED OUR PITY AND OUR HELP.
INSTEAD, NINA RYAN SLAUGHTERED THEM LIKE ANIMALS.

FUCK. NOT ONLY DO I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE SHIT...
THANKS TO THOSE LIBERAL INTELLECTUALS, MY ABSOLUTION SCORE TAKES A REAL **HIT**.
THE SUPPORT OF "MAN OF THE PEOPLE" JOE "ANGRY" ANGSTROM DOESN'T HELP ME NONE.
GARAGE
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM WHEN THEY WERE KIDS. THEY'RE MURDERING, PERVERTED COMMUNISTIC SCUM.
KILL THEM ALL, NINA! **KILL THEM ALL!**
ANY MORE HELP FROM CRANKS LIKE ANGSTROM AND I'LL BE FINISHED.
THE TRUTH IS, I'M LOSING MY **AUDIENCE.**
tr0llingo bet you regret not accepting nixons offer now bitch
BlazzeIt your a fuckign monster those ppl you killed werent any diferent from yuo they should have had a chance for absolution instead of you
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BE SMARTER. TARGET SOMEONE WHO **NO ONE** CAN GIVE A DAMN ABOUT.
magicah if it doesn't stop im gonna unalive myself
WHAT? STEVIE? NO...YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.
magicah idk what else to do pls help me

magicah he said if i sont do what he says ill neve r work again
magicah i talked to some of hte other girls i work with
magicah and i know one who 0verdosed
magicah its blake gerard
magicah he ruins ppl who dont give him what he wants
magicah i wish i was more like you nina
magicah i wish i was a k1ller

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THE WORLD IS YOUR JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER.

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AWA

ALL RIGHT, GET OUT. I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MEETING IN TWENTY.
AND QUIT SNIVELING. YOU ENJOYED IT AS MUCH AS I DID.
N-NO... Y-YOU... FORCED ME...
YOU MENTION A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE AND I WILL DESTROY YOU, UNDERSTAND? FUCKING *DESTROY* YOU.
GGG... GG... GGG...
I'LL BE IN TOUCH THE NEXT TIME I WANT YOU.
AH!
HERE. I GUESS YOU EARNED IT.
SOME KIND OF MONSTER.

SOMEONE WHO **NO ONE** CAN GIVE A DAMN ABOUT.
THAT'S WHAT I NEED TO GIVE MY **ABSOLUTION SCORE** A BOOST.
MEET **BEAU LEBLANC.** BEAU'S A DRUG DEALER.
NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT. LOTS OF VERY NICE PEOPLE MIGHT BE DRUG DEALERS.
WHAT MAKES BEAU SPECIAL, WHAT MAKES HIM **PERFECT,** IS **WHO** HE SELLS DRUGS TO.
BEAU'S MOTTO: GIVE ME THE CHILD AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE MAN.
HE DOES **THIS,** TOO.
I'm4Nina
kill him slow
GARAGE
YELLPP!
marret12
wtffffff r u fckin kidding he LITERALLY kicks dogs
I WATCH HIM FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE I MAKE MY MOVE.

BUT THIS IS TOO EASY. BEAU'S SO SLOPPY IT MAKES ME SICK.
MERD!
GOT TO MAKE THIS MORE ENTERTAINING.
I POSE A LITTLE. FLEX MY ABS. FEEL MY NIPPLES HARDEN.
THE ALGORITHMS IN MY BODY-CAMS FLASH DEEPFAKE SIMULACRA TO MY FOLLOWERS.
OH YEAH, BABY!
SO THEY CAN SEE ME. OR A VERSION OF ME. HARDENED NIPPLES AND ALL.
Maxxxthng has increased Nina's Absolution Score by 3 points!
MORE SOPHISTICATED APPLIANCES GENERATE A CHEMICAL APPROXIMATION OF MY SWEAT.
Maxxxthng i can almost taste you 👄

BUT ENOUGH WITH THE POSING.
BLMM BLMM BLMM
AGHH!
GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT.
UGH!
AAGH!
P-PLEASE... PLEASE...
tr0llingo how pathetic can u get 🙄
BY THE TIME I PUT A BULLET THROUGH BEAU'S SPINE, MY SCORE'S LOOKING A LITTLE MORE HEALTHY.
BLMM
beingMe not bad for a femoid

I PAUSE, GIVE THEM A FINAL LOOK AT THE DEAD BOYS.
IN RETROSPECT--
--MAYBE NOT MY BEST IDEA.
GGGARHHH!
I'm4Nina LOOK OUT
BLMM
Build muscle with GruelFuel, an easy all-in-one protein supplement in eight delicious flavors.
kjabbers23 U KILLED IT
tr0llingo u actually shot the dog holy shit holy shit what an L
ybthe333 you sick fuck how could you do that!!

TO MAKE IT CLEAR, THIS PROGRAM DOES *NOT* CONDONE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
JESUS, MAN. IT'S JUST A DUMB DOG.
AND DON'T DOGS HAVE RIGHTS TOO?
BY THE TIME I'M MAKING IT AWAY FROM LEBLANC'S, MY SCORE'S DIPPED **TEN POINTS.**
SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED THE DAMNED DOG.
THE OLD ME-- THE ME WITH 158 CONFIRMED HITS, THE ME WHO HADN'T HAD THOSE LESIONS REMOVED FROM HER BRAIN-- SHE'D HAVE NEVER MADE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT.
SUDDENLY, I FEEL IT.
A RIDICULOUS PAIN SOMEWHERE DEEP IN MY BRAIN.
TINGLING DOWN MY FINGERS. WEAKNESS. NAUSEA.
OH GOD, MY SCORE!
ABSOLUTION
10% Warning! Warning! Warning!

KEEP STILL, NINA. I'M LOOKING AT YOUR BRAIN.
ANN? **DOCTOR** ANN GENIE? H-HOW...THE HELL DID I GET HERE?
YOU CALLED US...BEFORE YOU **COMPLETELY** BLACKED OUT. WE TOOK THE PRIVILEGE OF DISABLING ALL YOUR CAMERAS. AS YOU KNOW, WE LIKE OUR PRIVACY.
DAMN IT, ANN! HOW LONG AGO? FIFTEEN MINUTES OFFLINE AND I'LL EXPLODE.
RELAX, WE KNOW HOW IT WORKS. WE TREATED A GUY WHO WAS DOING **ABSOLUTION** ONCE...
WE'VE BEEN SWITCHING ON YOUR CAMERAS FOR SHORT BURSTS EVERY TEN MINUTES...MAKING SURE OUR LOCATION CAN'T BE SEEN.
DR. ANN GENIE (AS THEY CALL THEMSELVES) ARE WANTED FOR BREAKING THE LAW.
AN ANARCHIST AND REVOLUTIONARY, THEY'VE DEFINITELY SEEN THE INSIDE OF MORE JAIL CELLS THAN I HAVE. THEY ALSO GIVE MEDICAL SERVICES TO FOLK WHO ARE OFF THE GRID, OUTLAWS WHO CAN'T GET INSURANCE.
*PEOPLE LIKE **ME**.*

A TINY BOMB EXPLODED IN YOUR FRONTAL LOBE. NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE BUT--
IT'S A *WARNING.* A LITTLE TASTE OF WHAT'LL HAPPEN UNLESS I SHAPE UP.
YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH THAT, NINA? I'M ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT FOR ABOLITION. THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRISON-TELEVISUAL COMPLEX, THE CIS-RIARCHY, YOU NAME IT.
IS CIS-RIARCHY EVEN A WORD?
SURE IT IS.
WOULD YOU LISTEN IF I SAID YOU SHOULD REST UP FOR A FEW DAYS?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
ANN, THIS ABSOLUTION GUY YOU TREATED. WHAT WAS UP WITH HIM?
HE WASN'T GOING TO MAKE THE SCORE IN TIME. HE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE. SO HE ASKED US TO TRY TO *REMOVE THE BOMBS* THEY'D PUT IN HIS BRAIN.
AND...WHAT HAPPENED?
THIS.

OUTSIDE, I CHECK MY SCORE. BETTER--BUT AS SOON AS MY FOLLOWERS REALIZE I'M NOT GOING TO DIE, IT MIGHT DIP AGAIN.
magicah i have a gun in my bag
magicah i bought it with the money he threw at me
magicah ik i wont get away with it but it doesnt matter now
magicah he asked for me again
magicah i dont habe another choice
New Private Message X
Nina: Stevie. Stop.
NINA? IS THAT REALLY YOU?
LISTEN.

IT LOOKS EMPTY ENOUGH.
AT THIS TIME OF DAY IT SEEMS LIKE THE KIND OF PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T BE WATCHED.
BUT I KNOW I'M *ALWAYS* BEING WATCHED.
IT'S YOU! OH, NINA, I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU--
THAT'S ENOUGH. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. TELL ME ABOUT HIM.
SO SHE TELLS ME ABOUT BLAKE GERARD. THERE'S A LOT TO TELL.
ONE OF HIS P-PEOPLE COULD BE WATCHING US RIGHT NOW. WH-WHICH MEANS...GERARD WILL KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HIM!
GOOD. I *WANT* HIM TO KNOW THAT I'M COMING FOR HIM.
I *WANT* YOU TO BE SCARED, BLAKE GERARD.

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BLAKE GERARD IS NOT A MAN TO SCARE EASILY!
GERARD IS A PREDATOR. HE IS A DESTROYER OF LIVES.
WHATEVER YOUR FRIENDS IN THE NEW #METOO MOVEMENT MIGHT SAY, BETH, HE'S NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME.
BECAUSE OF HIS WEALTH. BECAUSE OF HIS *PRIVILEGE.*
HE'S ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN.
HE'S HAD EVERY ADVANTAGE MONEY COULD BUY.
THE FINEST SCHOOLS. A RICH FAMILY TO BAIL HIM OUT WHENEVER HE SCREWED UP. OR SCREWED *SOMEONE* UP.
LIKE THE 19-YEAR-OLD FELLOW STUDENT HE RAPED.
THAT...THAT NEVER EVEN WENT TO COURT!
BUT MAYBE WE OUGHTA *CHANGE THE SUBJECT.* THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A *SPORTS SHOW.*
NINA'S IN A REAL TIGHT FIX. ANDREW, DID YOUR SCORE EVER GET THIS LOW?

I--
WAIT!
WE'VE BEEN CHANGING THE SUBJECT FOR WAY TOO LONG.
THAT 19-YEAR-OLD STUDENT WAS FRAGILE, BROKEN. IN NO CONDITION TO TESTIFY.
I HEAR THE FAMILY TREATED HER VERY WELL.
SHE WAS INTIMIDATED INTO TAKING A LOUSY PAYOFF AND SIGNING AN NDA.
SHE'S NOT ALONE. GERARD HAS A HISTORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND BULLYING. HIS VICTIMS KEPT QUIET BY HIS ATTACK DOG LAWYERS, HIS REPUTATION MAINTAINED BY HIS POWERFUL FRIENDS.
TALKING OF LAWYERS, WE'VE JUST BEEN CONTACTED BY BLAKE GERARD'S LEGAL TEAM, DEMANDING THAT WE CEASE WHAT THEY CALL THIS BASELESS TRADUCING OF THEIR CLIENT'S GOOD NAME.
THIS IS HOW THE BLAKE GERARDS OF THE WORLD KEEP GETTING AWAY WITH IT!
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO--
This transmission has been suspended.

I WAIT.
I WANT IT TO GROW.
I WANT HIM TO FEAR ME LIKE HIS VICTIMS FEARED **HIM**.
FOR NOW, MY FOLLOWERS ARE DIGGING THE TENSION.
yesmaidens nina rly said its time for direct action 💅✨ LOVE to see it
grndzrstann hope the bastards sweating
ABSOLUTION
THERE ARE THINGS TO ARRANGE, CALLS TO MAKE.
I EVEN FIND TIME TO DONATE TO MY NEW FAVORITE CHARITY.
SEEMS GERARD ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO WATCHES ME. SOME CLIENTS NO LONGER WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM.
FUCK YOU, SNOWFLAKE!
I CAN ONLY GUESS WHAT THINGS ARE LIKE AT HOME.
THEY'RE BLANKING ME AT SCHOOL, MOM. IT'S LIKE HAVING *HITLER* FOR A FATHER!

BLAKE GERARD IS A MAN OF ACTION. HE'S NEVER COME ACROSS A PROBLEM HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIX.
HE'LL THINK HE CAN FIX ME.
UNKNOWN NUMBER
THIS IS BLAKE GERARD. THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. LET'S MEET AND WORK THIS OUT.
WHERE?
SHE BOUGHT IT!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA, BLAKE? SHE'S A KILLER.
I NEED TO DRAW A LINE UNDER THIS WHOLE THING.
BESIDES, KILLER OR NO KILLER, SHE'S JUST A GIRL.
AND I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE GIRLS.
FIND ME ONE OF OUR BUILDING SITES, AGNES...

"...SOMEWHERE NICE AND SECLUDED."
IT'S A TRAP. OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP.
HE CAN LITERALLY SEE ME COMING.
SHE'S FIVE MINUTES AWAY. TAKE UP YOUR POSITIONS, BOYS.
REMEMBER, YOUR JOB IS TO INCAPACITATE HER.
I WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH THAT BITCH BEFORE I KILL HER.
AFTER I'M DONE WITH HER I'LL TURN HER OVER TO YOU. CONSIDER IT A BONUS PAYMENT.
YOU'RE THE MAN, MISTER GERARD.
GIVE ME SOME!
I WAIT UNTIL I'M CLOSE ENOUGH BEFORE I DOUBLE BLINK.
TIME OUT.

I'M INVISIBLE.
MCCANN! TURCAN! I'VE LOST HER!
SITUATION UNSTABLE, SIR. ADVISE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL.
I'M NOT LETTING A GIRL PUSH ME AROUND.
I'VE GOT FIFTEEN MINUTES OFFLINE BEFORE I DETONATE.
SIX MINUTES DOWN ALREADY.
UGH!
SEVEN AND A HALF MINUTES DOWN.
THD
bulleetproofheart
whats happening? turn the fuckin camera back on!!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT NOISE?
EIGHT MINUTES.
SIR...I THINK SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO TURCAN...

FIFTEEN.
FUCK!
MCCANN!
LOOK, NINA...WE CAN CUT A DEAL HERE. YOU KNOW I'M A RICH MAN, N-NAME YOUR PRICE. I'LL MAKE A PUBLIC APOLOGY IF YOU WANT. A *MEA CULPA.*
COME OUT HERE...AND LET'S TALK IT THROUGH.
YOU UNDERESTIMATED ME, GERARD. BUT I'M A WOMAN--SO OF ***COURSE*** YOU UNDERESTIMATED ME.
OR... MAYBE I ***DIDN'T.***
MAYBE I ***ESTIMATED*** YOU JUST ABOUT RIGHT.
WHEN YOU'RE READY, MONET.

IDIOT. I'M SUCH A FUCKING IDIOT.
TELL HIM TO GET THAT THING OUT OF MY NECK--OR I'LL RAM IT DOWN HIS THROAT SO HARD HE'LL BE PISSING BULLETS.
NO, BABY. THAT'S NOT HOW THIS PLAYS OUT.
NINA'S OFFENSE IS AWESOME--BUT IT'S DEFENSE THAT WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS, AMIRITE?
I'M IN SHOCK, EARL. I'M TOTALLY IN SHOCK.
YOU REALLY ARE A CUTIE. IN FACT, THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY.
FUCK YOU, GERARD.
PUT A FEW SLUGS IN HER LEGS, MONET. WANT TO SEE THIS BITCH *CRAWL.*
KBMMMM

beingMe YOURE the one getting fucked here bitch

Maxxxthng yeah on her knees is a good look 😈🍆💦

WH-WHAT? WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW...
SMKK
...BUT YOUR DAY'S JUST GOT A LOT *UNLUCKIER*.
NNGNN!
ANN? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SAVING YOUR ASS?
I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL!
YOUR QUARRY'S GETTING AWAY.
SURE HE IS.
BLMM
BLMM
AGHHH!

I WANTED TO SEE HIM GROVEL. I WANTED HIM TO FEEL AS POWERLESS AND SCARED AS HIS *VICTIMS* FELT.
YOU KILLED HIM. YOU'VE DONE A *GOOD THING.*
WAY MORE *COMPLICATED* THAN THAT.
ABSOLUTION
HAS NINA RYAN JUST WRITTEN HER *ABSOLUTION OBITUARY?*
YOU SAVED MY LIFE--BUT YOU MIGHT HAVE LOST MY AUDIENCE!
LOOKS LIKE *SOMEONE'S* PLEASED WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE.
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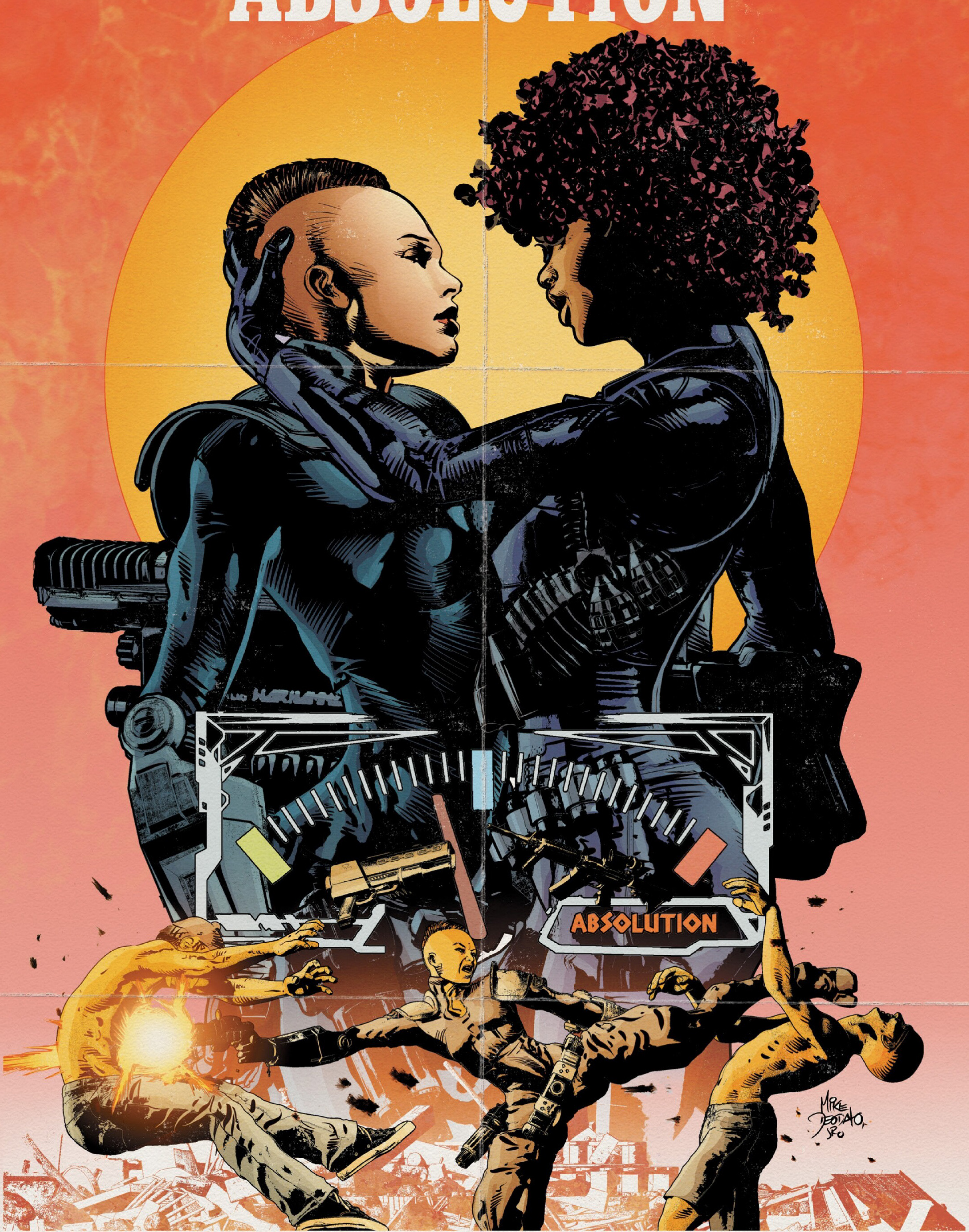

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YOU FUCKING BITCH! YOU SHAMELESS, BLOODSUCKING *LEECH!* YOU SHOULD BE *ASHAMED* OF YOURSELF!
YOUR KIND HAVEN'T LEFT ME ALONE SINCE HE KILLED MY DAUGHTER.
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY PLEASED TO SEE ME.
JOURNALISTS, TRUE CRIME WRITERS, THE WHOLE ROTTEN BUNCH. WHAT IS IT NOW? ANOTHER *PSYCHIC* WHO THINKS SHE'S SPOKEN TO SUKI?
ANOTHER LURID STORY ABOUT MY *SEX LIFE?*
RACHEL...
BITCH!
UGH!
RACHEL, LISTEN TO ME. I'M NOT A JOURNALIST.

richiekiyay i read some of those!! good stuff iykwim haha

TH-THEN Y-YOU'RE A COP. USELESS BASTARDS, TAKE A FEW STATEMENTS... TH-THEN SIT ON YOUR ASSES.
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME, RACHEL.
DO I *LOOK* LIKE A COP?
IF Y-YOU'RE NOT A JOURNALIST...A-AND YOU'RE NOT A COP... THEN *WHO ARE YOU?*
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WANT TO FIND THE MAN WHO KILLED YOUR DAUGHTER. AND I WANT TO KILL HIM.
WILL YOU H-HURT HIM? THIS MAN, TH-THIS *MONSTER.* BEFORE YOU KILL HIM...W-WILL YOU HURT HIM?
THAT'S CERTAINLY THE IDEA.
NICE SET UP. GAVE HER SCORE A BUMP.
I'M CONCERNED THAT SHE'S *USING* THIS WOMAN, WHO'S OBVIOUSLY TRAUMATIZED BY THE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER.

ONE DAY EARLIER.
WEALTHY SERIAL ABUSER AND RAPIST BLAKE GERARD WAS DEAD.
AND MY ABSOLUTION SCORE WASN'T LOOKING TOO HEALTHY EITHER.
I FOLLOWED YOU. THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME HELP.
THAT'S PROBABLY AGAINST THE ABSOLUTION RULES.
FUCK THEIR RULES. AND FUCK THEIR STUPID GAME.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUSTER OF BOMBS INSIDE YOUR SKULL.
I COULD TRY TO GET THEM OUT.
THANKS, ANN, BUT I THINK I'LL PASS.
IT SEEMED GERARD'S REINFORCEMENTS HAD BELATEDLY ARRIVED.
BLMM
BLMM
BLMM
BLMM
BLMM
BLMM
I WAS USED TO OPERATING ALONE--AND I STILL DIDN'T KNOW IF THIS WAS BREAKING THE RULES--BUT HAVING A PARTNER DID HAVE ITS BENEFITS.
KEEP SHOOTING. I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

NINA HAS A REP AS A LONE WOLF. WORKING WITH SOMEONE ELSE...IT SHOWS *TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY.*
OR A LACK OF *SELF-BELIEF.* WHAT'LL THE *FANS* THINK OF IT?
welpshit look at that hair lmaoo mc energy
effiem co-op mode!!! 🔥🔥🔥
excus33moi watch out nina we might like HER better
TWENTY MINUTES LATER I'D WORKED AROUND THE BACK OF THEM. STEROID MUSCLE WITH HIGH-VELOCITY WEAPONS.
PARTY'S OVER, BOYS.
IT GAVE ME NO PLEASURE TO EXECUTE THEM.
BLMM
BLMM
BLMM
IN FACT, I'D *LIKE* TO HAVE LET THEM GO.
ABSOLUTION
BUT WITH MY ABSOLUTION SCORE THE WAY IT WAS, I COULDN'T AFFORD ANY ACTS OF CHARITY.

IS IT ME, OR WAS THERE SOMETHING A LITTLE...*MECHANICAL* ABOUT THAT KILLING? WHAT'S THE WORD...?
ROUTINE?
RIGHT. EXACTLY. MAYBE I'M WRONG HERE...
"...BUT IT'S LIKE HER HEART JUST AIN'T *IN* IT NO MORE."
YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK A LITTLE SICK.
SICK? NAH. NEVER BEEN BETTER.
THERE'S AN EASIER WAY OF GETTING ABSOLUTION.
YOU AND ME TOGETHER, RIGHT HERE ON THE FLOOR... THAT'D *REALLY* GIVE YOUR SCORE A BOOST.
IF AND WHEN I FUCK YOU, IT WON'T BE TO SATISFY THE WET DREAMS OF MY FOLLOWERS.
Maxxxthng DOIT DOI T DO IT SOIT
13subwayratsinatrenchcoat DO IT DO IT DO IT DO IT
Absolution Score 43%
JUST THE *IDEA* OF US HAVING SEX HAD GIVEN MY SCORE A BUMP. HOW FUCKING *DEPRESSING*.
beingMe ANDREW ROTH
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beingMe ANDREW ROTH
WHAT *ABOUT* HIM, BEINGME?
beingMe your next target. you're so terrible at this you clearly need all the help you can get

MAYBE IT WAS A SIGN OF HOW DESPERATE I WAS, BUT I CHECKED THE NEWS DATABASE AT A **SAFE HOUSE.**
BEINGME WAS RIGHT. ANDREW ROTH **WOULD** HELP MY SCORE. FROM A GOOD HOME, NO CHILDHOOD ABUSE, BUT TO DATE HE'S KILLED EIGHT CHILDREN.
NONE OF THEM OLDER THAN **FOURTEEN.**
THIS IS THE SICK FUCK'S LAST-KNOWN IMAGE. HE'S CONSTANTLY CHANGING HIS NAME AND IDENTITY.
THE COPS HAVEN'T COME CLOSE TO CATCHING HIM. THE ONLY QUESTION IS--
--WHY IS BEINGME HELPING ME?
I BLAME MYSELF.
YOU SHOULDN'T...
I WAS DIVORCED. ROTH SEEMED NICE. I THOUGHT HE ***LOVED*** ME. B-BUT HE WAS JUST USING ME TO GET TO SUKI. M-MY DAUGHTER...
DID HE HAVE ANY FRIENDS? BUSINESS ASSOCIATES?
TH-THERE WAS A GUY...CALLED ***THAD.*** THEY USED TO ***SMOKE HOME-GROWN*** TOGETHER. BUT THE COPS HAVE ALREADY INTERVIEWED HIM.
NOT THE WAY ***I'LL*** INTERVIEW HIM.

AAAAGGHHH!
THE LINE HOLDS. WHICH IS JUST AS WELL FOR THAD.
SPNG
UGHNG!
PUH-PLEASE...I'LL T-TELL Y-YOU... EVERYTHING... E-EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW...
OBVIOUSLY.
WOW! REMINDS ME OF WHEN "WINDOWS" MCCOY SCARED THE PANTS OFF THE LIZARD MAN. IS THIS A RETURN TO FORM FOR NINA?
COULD BE, EARL. THE OUT-THE-WINDOW MOVE AIN'T EXACTLY ORIGINAL...

"...BUT SHE'S DOING IT WITH A WHOLE LOT OF STYLE."
YOU KEPT THINGS FROM THE POLICE. YOU PROTECTED ANDREW ROTH. THAT ALLOWED HIM TO GO ON AND KILL SUKI MCDONALD!
H-HE SAID HE'D CUT ME UP INTO LITTLE PIECES...IF I T-T-TALK!
I'VE GOT A PAIR OF WIRE-CUTTERS IN MY HAND. THEY'LL CUT THROUGH THIS ROPE IN THREE SECONDS.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. HE'S GOT THIS GUY--THIS FORGER--MAKES ROTH'S N-NEW IDENTITIES FOR HIM...
H-HE'S CALLED THE SNOWMAN. LIVES IN THE COLONY.
THROWING SOMEONE OUT A WINDOW IS CHILD'S PLAY.
IT'S GETTING THEM BACK IN AGAIN THAT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS.
SNPP
AAIIEEEEEE!
brtalcrtkal
she didn't even try to get him up 😂😂

Absolution Score 48%
I KNEW THEY'D RESPOND TO THAT.
JUST THE KIND OF COLD-BLOODED STUNT THE SICK FUCKS GET OFF ON.
I'M FEELING ANYTHING BUT COLD-BLOODED. TRUTH IS, I WANT TO THROW UP.
WHEN DID KILLING BECOME SO HARD?
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FORCE MYSELF TO BE THE PITILESS ASSASSIN I USED TO BE.
NICE GUYS DON'T GET ABSOLUTION.
PORNOGRAPHIC BRUTALITY. THE POOR GUY HAD ALREADY TOLD HER WHAT HE KNEW!
THAT "POOR GUY" WITHHELD INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE THAT RESULTED IN A CHILD-KILLER GOING FREE.
MY ONLY GRIPE IS THE WINDOW WASN'T HIGHER.

THE COLONY IS A COLLECTION OF IMPROVISED HOUSES AND BUILDINGS STUCK TO THE EDGE OF THE CITY LIKE A **PUSTULE.**
LIKE ANY SELF-RESPECTING PUSTULE, IT CONTAINS A LOT OF **POISON.**
AND CAUSES A LOT OF **PAIN.**
I'm4Nina oh shit i know this place. be careful nina, it's not safe for women to walk around alone
I'M4NINA'S RIGHT. BUT THIS IS WHERE THE FORGER KNOWN AS THE SNOWMAN LIVES.
BESIDES.
I'M NOT EXACTLY YOUR AVERAGE WOMAN.
GET OUT OF MY WAY, FRIENDS. OR THERE'LL BE TROUBLE.

HAH HAH! GONNA STIR UP SOME TROUBLE.
KRNNCH
NBGG!
IT DOESN'T EXACTLY MOVE THE PLOT FORWARD. DOES NOTHING FOR MY CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT.
THE TRUTH IS, THESE WONDERBOYS CAN GIVE ME ALL THE TROUBLE THEY WANT.
GHAAAAHHH!
BUT IT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF CHEAP, EMPTY VIOLENCE THAT MY FOLLOWERS LOVE.
GIVING MY SCORE A NICE LITTLE BUMP.
THRAMM
UGH!
Absolution Score 59%
ALSO, NEWS SPREADS LIKE A VIRUS IN PLACES LIKE THESE.
KRNNCH
WORD WILL GET AROUND.
DON'T FUCK WITH HER.

I MOVE DEEPER INTO THE LABYRINTH.
beingMe it's the next left then keep going to the white house
WHAT IS THIS, BEINGME? WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?
beingMe im not helping YOU
absyyyynth nahhh this shit is sus as hell you should gtfo
mi-mat7 trust him
silas.k poll us nd let us decide if u keep going or not
THE WHITE HOUSE. JUST LIKE BEINGME SAID.
AND THE APE AT THE DOOR TELLS ME *SOMETHING'S* GOING ON INSIDE.
IT TAKES HIM A MOMENT TO FIGURE OUT THAT I'M WALKING RIGHT UP TO HIM.
A LITTLE LONGER TO DECIDE EXACTLY WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO WITH ME.
BY THEN HE'S RUN OUT OF OPTIONS.
UGH!

H-HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M LOOKING FOR ANDREW ROTH.
FOR A 280-POUND SNOWMAN--
S-STOP. STOP RIGHT THERE.
--HE'S NOT EXACTLY SLOW.
YOU'RE A FORGER. YOU MAKE FALSE IDENTITY PAPERS. NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHAT ANDREW ROTH'S LATEST I.D. IS...
...AND WHERE I CAN FIND HIM.
OH N-NO. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. NO WAY. Y-YOU STOP RIGHT TH-THERE OR I'LL... OR I'LL...
YOU'LL WHAT? *SWEAT* ALL OVER ME?

Lenjamin'sfreckles someone update the killcount with ninas first verbal murder

Maxxxthng ill sweat over u

A MAN CALLED **MARC BOISSEAU**, WHO KNEW ABOUT THESE THINGS, ONCE TOLD ME THAT IF SOMEONE POINTS A GUN AT YOU AND DOESN'T FIRE STRAIGHT AWAY...HE'S NOT GOING TO SHOOT AT ALL.
NOW TELL ME...WHERE DO I FIND ROTH?
I'VE N-NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
WRONG ANSWER.
PRDD
AGGHHH!
P-PLEASE... IF I G-GIVE YOU WH-WHAT YOU WANT...ROTH WILL...WILL KILL ME.
NOT AFTER I FIND HIM.
H-HE OWES ME MONEY. IF HE DIES...I'LL LOSE IT.
Absolution Score 64%
MY FOLLOWERS WANT ME TO HURT YOU. THEY'D LIKE TO SEE ME MAKE YOU SCREAM. WHAT DO YOU THINK, SNOWMAN? SHALL WE MAKE MY FOLLOWERS HAPPY?
ALL R-RIGHT... WHAT EXACTLY D-DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
bergabug its the cowardice for me

ROTH NOW GOES BY THE NAME OF **MAX MURPHY.**
LIVES IN A SHITTY LITTLE **ARGON TOWN** THIRTY CLICKS NORTH OF THE CITY.
THERE!
THE BASTARD'S HAD A LITTLE WORK DONE ON HIS FACE BUT IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT.
OF COURSE I'D LIKE TO WALK RIGHT UP TO HIM AND SHOOT HIM IN THE BALLS.
I'D LIKE TO FUCK HIM UP WHILE RECITING THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN HE KILLED.
BUT HE COULD BE ARMED, PEOPLE MIGHT GET HURT.
SO I WATCH, BIDE MY TIME.
AND THEN THIS HAPPENS.
LOOK AT HIM, HE'S SO FRIENDLY. SO NICE. FOR AN ADULT, HE'S TOTALLY COOL.
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S EVIL. AN ACTOR, A MANIPULATOR.

I KNOW I SHOULD WAIT. THIS COULD GO SO WRONG.
BUT LOOKING AT ROTH AND THAT GIRL, I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT **ANOTHER** GIRL.
TOO WILD FOR HER MOTHER TO COPE WITH. TOO DAMAGED FOR SOCIETY TO CARE ABOUT.
TAKEN IN BY MARC BOISSEAU WHEN I WAS 14.
MY FRIEND. HE SAID HE'D BE MY FRIEND.
I NEEDED HELP. I NEEDED A LESION IN MY BRAIN REMOVED. I NEEDED **LOVE.**
INSTEAD HE STOLE WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY CHILDHOOD.
BUT I **STILL** SHOULDN'T BE DOING WHAT I'M DOING.
YOU! GET AWAY FROM HIM! GET THE FUCK AWAY **NOW!**
STOP

YOU HEARD! STAY AWAY FROM THIS MAN!
B-BUT THAT'S UNCLE MAX. H-HE'S MY MOM'S BOYFRIEND.
NINA--
I'LL GET TO YOU IN A MINUTE.
SMCK
UGFF!
jeepser in front of the kid 👁👄👁
tr0llingo @jeepser we should just be thankful she hasnt shot the kids dog yet lmaooo
HELP! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED BY A CRAZY WOMAN!
LISTEN TO ME.
THE WORLD IS NOT A NICE PLACE. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'LL WANT TO HURT YOU, PEOPLE WHO'LL PRETEND TO BE YOUR FRIEND.
I...I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
POLICE!
FUCK.
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE HERE?
GeggarXD shes deadass bout to get arrested huh 😶😒
magicah RUN NINA! RUN!

I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE ARRESTED.
UGH!
THD
weesnaw jfc did they lobotomize her when they removed her brain lesions? this is such a shitshow
CAN'T TELL HIM WHO MAX MURPHY **REALLY IS.**
UGH!
ROTH HAS TO BE **MINE.**
NINA'S OUT OF LINE. THE COP'S ONLY DOING HIS JOB!
SHE HURT HIS PRIDE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. AND IF THE COP'S JOB IS TO PROTECT MEN LIKE ANDREW ROTH, I FIND THAT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE CONCERNING THAN A BRUISED TAILBONE.
HER ***SCORE*** SAYS THAT FOLKS AGREE WITH ME.
beingMe you miscalculated your audience
BEINGME'S RIGHT...
Absolution Score 52%
MY FOLLOWERS ARE JUST FINE WITH ME THROWING BAD GUYS OUT OF WINDOWS.
BUT I'D BETTER NOT BREATHE ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
beingMe and thanks to your fuck up roth knows you're after him now so you better act fast

BEINGME IS RIGHT AGAIN.
I HAD INTENDED TO PREP MY ATTACK MORE THOROUGHLY.
THAT'D BE THE PROFESSIONAL THING TO DO.
THERE'S NO TIME FOR ANY OF THAT NOW.
SNK
beingMe so close
minmin108 only watching for her ass at this point lol
SOMETHING'S BEEN TROUBLING ME SINCE THAT SCENE WITH THE GIRL.
FINALLY, I REALIZE WHAT IT IS.
NINA.
ROTH CALLED ME NINA.
SMKK
UGH!

beingMe i knew you'd be easy to play. all i had to do was mention andrew roth
UGH... WH-WHAT... YOU...?
beingMe then i gave you all the clues you needed to find me and you didn't think twice
psychmonツ)_/¯ @beingMe hey shitstain not to interrupt your ✨ villain monolgue ✨ but even if you kill her the police know where you are now. idgaf about nina but you're going to rot in hell for killing those kids
SEEMS YOU'VE MISCALCULATED YOUR AUDIENCE ONCE AGAIN, NINA.
UGH!
pandaaa knew u shouldnt have trusted him
I PUSH AGAINST THE DARKNESS I FEEL COMING OVER ME.
THEN I SEE MY SCORE. IT'S GOING UP.
OH, YOU BASTARDS...
Absolution Score 58%
YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS...

When there's no more room for REDEMPTION

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AS SOON AS THE CHILD KILLER KNOWN AS ANDREW ROTH--AKA MY FOLLOWER BEINGME--DECIDES TO KILL ME, THAT'S IT.
NO ABSOLUTION. NO FUTURE.
Absolution Score 71%
tr0llingo id say it was a good run but id be lying. mid at best tbh
NO NOTHING.
GHHFG... CRY...GHSLL... YOUR KNEES... GNNN...
WAIT. I THINK HE'S TALKING TO ME.
I TRY TO CLEAR MY HEAD AND FOCUS.
HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING.
...SO BEG FOR YOUR LIFE, BITCH. BREAK DOWN AND CRY... PLEAD WITH ME. I MIGHT JUST LET YOU LIVE.
THE TRICK WITH PSYCHOPATHS.
IS NEVER GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT.
I'm4Nina cmon nina get up
F-FUCK... YOU...
Absolution Score 73%

OH NO. YOU'RE THE ONE GETTING FUCKED HERE.
HOW'S YOUR ABSOLUTION SCORE DOING? I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET, NINA. YOUR FOLLOWERS DON'T LIKE YOU. THEY'RE JUST RUBBERNECKERS AT THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT.
NOW BEG... OR I'LL MAKE THIS A LOT HARDER FOR YOU. I'LL CUT OFF YOUR NOSE AND NIPPLES. I'LL DO THINGS TO YOU YOU CAN'T IMAGINE.
bk000 hhhh speak for urself 😳
KEEP HIM TALKING. WHATEVER YOU DO, KEEP HIM TALKING.
G-GOOD. I'LL ENJOY THAT.
Maxxxthng same
OR MAYBE YOU'RE NOT WORTH THE EFFORT. MAYBE I'LL KILL YOUR ASS QUICKLY.
YOU TAKE ALL THIS EFFORT TO GET ME WHERE YOU WANT ME--AND IT'S ALL OVER SO SOON?
YEAH, I ALWAYS TOOK YOU FOR A PREMATURE EJACULATOR, ROTH.
Y-YOU DON'T KNOW...THE F-FIRST DAMNED THING ABOUT ME...
PAYDIRT.

A LUCKY STRIKE FROM NINA!
MY EXPERIENCE, LUCK ONLY GETS YOU SO FAR IN THIS GAME.
YOU'RE BOTH DOING HER A DISSERVICE--PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN.
TOTAL BULL!
REPORTS SHOW THAT MANY YOUNG MALES WHO IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN SOCIAL MEDIA HAVE UNDERLYING SEXUAL DYSFUNCTIONS--AND P.E. IS THE MOST COMMON SEXUAL DISORDER AMONG MEN.
ERGO, FAR FROM BEING LUCK, NINA'S MOVE SHOWED ASTUTE PSYCHOLOGICAL AWARENESS.
OBSERVE...
YOU DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE MY TIME WITH YOU?
SERIOUSLY? I GOT MY DOUBTS.
UGH...
BHAFF

YOU'RE GOING TO BE SO FUCKING SORRY I DIDN'T END IT QUICK. WE'RE GOING TO THE KITCHEN, WHERE I KEEP ALL MY SHARP KNIVES.
I'M GOING TO COME SLOWLY OVER YOUR MUTILATED CORPSE.
UGH... ON OUR... F-FIRST DATE?
HE MIGHT HAVE BROKEN A RIB--BUT AT LEAST IT'S GIVEN MY HEAD TIME TO CLEAR A LITTLE.
AAAGH!
BHAFF
BUT AM I MAKING MY MOVE TOO SOON?
Absolution Score 75%
I'M STILL SO SLOW.
SMKK
UGN!
STILL SO WEAK.
F-FINISH THIS NOW...
NGNNGNN...
I FEEL MYSELF GOING UNDER...
kjabbers23
not this dumbfuck telling on himself w that reaction 💀💀

THE REST IS JUST INSTINCT.
AAAGH!
GOT TO ADMIT, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. TURNING A LOSING SITUATION AROUND TO A POSSIBLE WINNING ONE...
CAN WE HAVE ANOTHER CLOSE-UP OF THAT EYE POP?
HALF AN INCH EITHER SIDE AND IT'S A MISS.
THE PSYCHOPATH THINKS HE'S SMARTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE. THAT'S A WEAKNESS THAT NINA SKILFULLY EXPLOITED...
BUT KEEP WATCHING, BECAUSE THIS FIGHT AIN'T OVER YET. SHE TOOK ONE HELL OF A WHACK ON THE HEAD...
"...THAT'S GOT TO BE SLOWING HER DOWN..."
BITCH!
UGH...
Absolution Score 78%

MY FOLLOWERS HAVE ENJOYED THIS SO FAR.
THE BRUTALITY. THE BLOOD.
BUT MY FOLLOWERS GET BORED EASILY.
THEY CRAVE THE NEW. THE UNEXPECTED.
THEY ALWAYS WANT MORE.
MORE BLOOD, MORE SAVAGERY, MORE OF ME.
SO THIS FIST FIGHT JUST WON'T **DO** IT FOR THEM FOR LONG.
THD
UGH...!
IF I DON'T FINISH THIS SOON, THEY'LL STOP WATCHING.
SMKK
UHNN...

I FIND THE GUN I DROPPED WHEN HE WHACKED ME.
I WANT THIS TO BE OVER. JUST BEING IN THE SAME ROOM AS THE TWISTED FUCK GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
BUT AS MY FINGER BEGINS TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER, I NOTICE IT.
MY SCORE. STARTING TO DROP.
Absolution Score 71%
CandBseen
thats it? he KILLED KIDS
THIS ISN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU.
SMKK
Absolution Score 74%
YES, I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU MIGHT NOT ADMIT IT TO YOURSELF. YOU MIGHT EVEN BE A LITTLE ASHAMED OF IT. BUT YOU KNOW IT TOO.

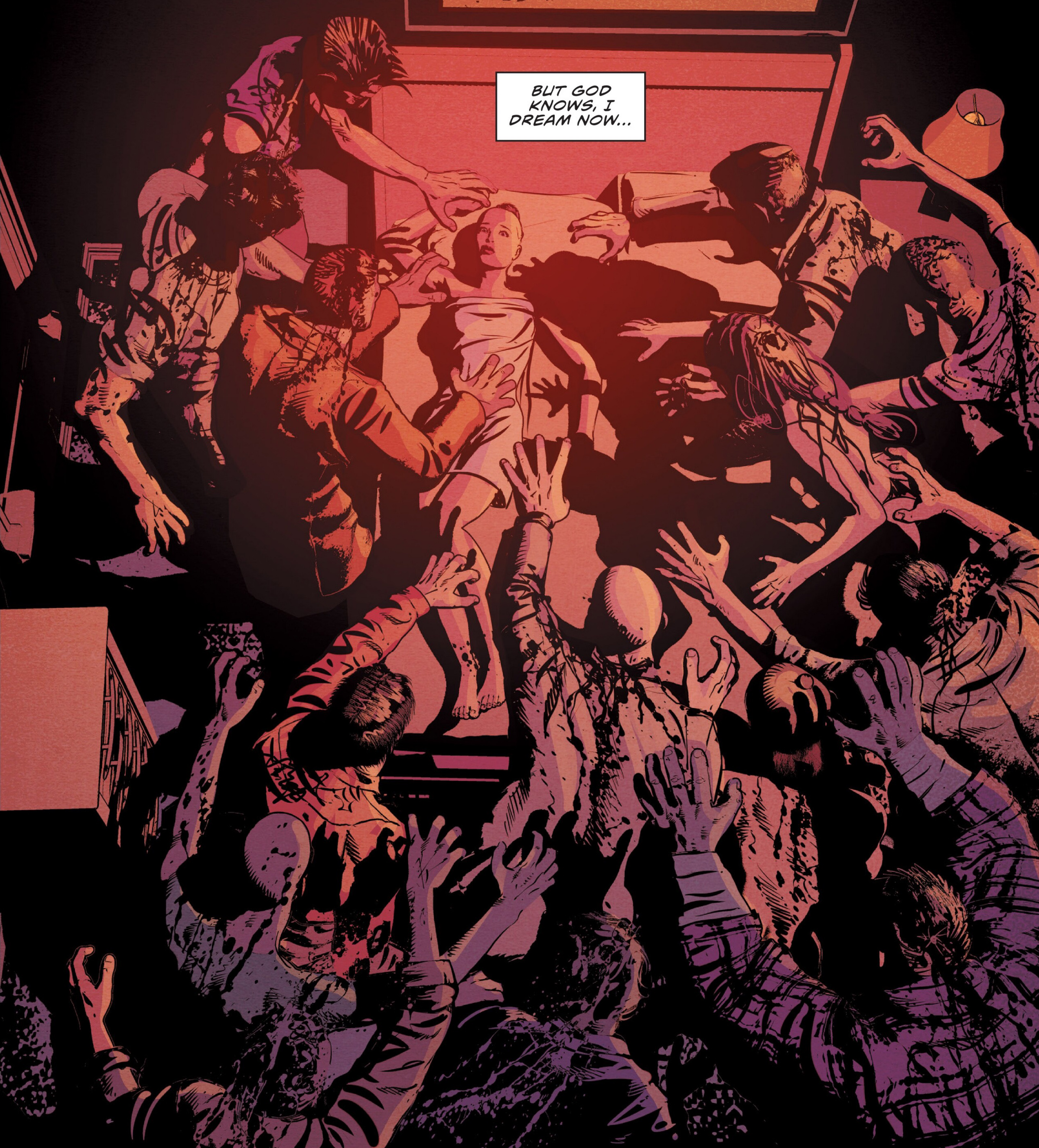
FIVE MINUTES LATER, WE'RE IN THE KITCHEN.
YOU WERE RIGHT, ROTH. YOU REALLY DO HAVE SOME SHARP KNIVES IN HERE.
UGHN... N-NO...Y-YOU CAN'T DO THIS...
DID THOSE POOR YOUNG GIRLS BEG YOU, ROTH? BEFORE YOU VIOLATED THEM AND KILLED THEM...DID THEY BEG YOU TO LET THEM GO?
T-TORTURE ME...AND YOU'RE JUST AS BAD...AS I AM...
THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE, ROTH.
AAUGHH... N-NO...N-NO...
UGHHH... ***AHHGH!***
I'LL ***NEVER*** BE AS BAD AS YOU ARE.
AAUGHHHH!
Absolution Score 80%

WHOA! NINA RYAN PROVES SHE CAN BE TOTALLY *HARDCORE!*
THE WHOLE SPECTACLE IS SICKENING.
ROTH IS A FUCKING *CHILD-KILLER.* WHAT DO YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM?
IT'S NOT ROTH I CARE ABOUT...IT'S *US!*
ROTH IS A MONSTER...BUT ARE *WE* TURNING INTO MONSTERS BY *WATCHING* AND *ENJOYING* THIS?
SO YOU ADMIT YOU ENJOYED IT?
VISCERALLY, MAYBE. INTELLECTUALLY...
WAIT...I'M BEING TOLD WE CAN TALK TO SOMEONE *VERY SPECIAL...*
RACHEL MCDONALD. MOTHER OF ROTH'S LAST VICTIM, SUKI.
WELCOME TO THE SHOW, RACHEL. TELL ME, DO *YOU* THINK NINA SHOULD GO EASY ON ROTH?
HE PUT MY BABY THROUGH HELL.
I JUST WANT HIM TO SUFFER AS MUCH AS SHE DID.

CASTRATING HIM SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME--BUT NOW THE WHOLE THING MAKES ME SICK.
UGHH... UGHHH... **AGHHH!**
SICK OR NOT, I STAY AND GIVE EVERYONE A GOOD HARD LOOK AT HIS AGONIZED DEATH THROES.
I'M NO MEDICAL EXPERT BUT I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S HAVING A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK.
HIS EYES STARE AT ME AS IF TO SAY...YES, I WAS A CHILD-KILLER, BUT DON'T I DESERVE A LITTLE **HUMAN PITY?**
THE FUCK HE DOES.
SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS, ROTH. MY AUDIENCE IS **LOVING** THIS.
Absolution Score 86%
lazerzginz QUEEN SHIT
_so_rvn YES NINA YES!!1

BY THE TIME HE'S DEAD, I'VE NEVER BEEN SO CLOSE TO **ABSOLUTION.** OR AT LEAST, WHAT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM **CALLS** ABSOLUTION.
I HAVE JUST UNDER THREE DAYS LEFT TO HIT MY TARGET.
THE PROBLEM IS, I NEVER WANT TO SEE ANOTHER DEAD BODY IN MY LIFE.
SOMEHOW I MAKE IT TO MY NEAREST **SAFE HOUSE.**
I DOUBLE-BLINK A **TIME OUT** SO I CAN GET OUT OF MY BLOODY CLOTHES WITHOUT MY FOLLOWERS BLOWING UP THE INTERNET.
PUT SOME HEAVY-DUTY PAIN KILLER INTO THE INTERCOSTAL MUSCLES WHERE ROTH'S BOOT LANDED.
UGH!

NO MATTER HOW LONG I STAY UNDER THE SHOWER, I STILL FEEL DIRTY.
I ALSO FEEL INCREDIBLY TIRED. TIRED OF KILLING. TIRED OF ABSOLUTION.
MOST OF ALL, TIRED OF NINA RYAN.
ABSOLUTION RULES ALLOW YOU TO SLEEP.
SENSORS INSIDE MY BRAIN PICK UP ALPHA AND THETA WAVES, SUSPEND MY SCORE **AND** THE BOMBS INSIDE ME.
I DON'T USUALLY DREAM. BUT I DREAM NOW.
MY FIRST KILL, A CLUMSY HIT FOR MARC BOISSEAU...
NOW OTHERS COME. THE GANGSTER. THE RIVAL. THE GUY WHO LOOKED AT SOMEONE THE WRONG WAY.
NAMES AND FACES I'VE TRIED TO FORGET.
I NEVER USUALLY DREAM--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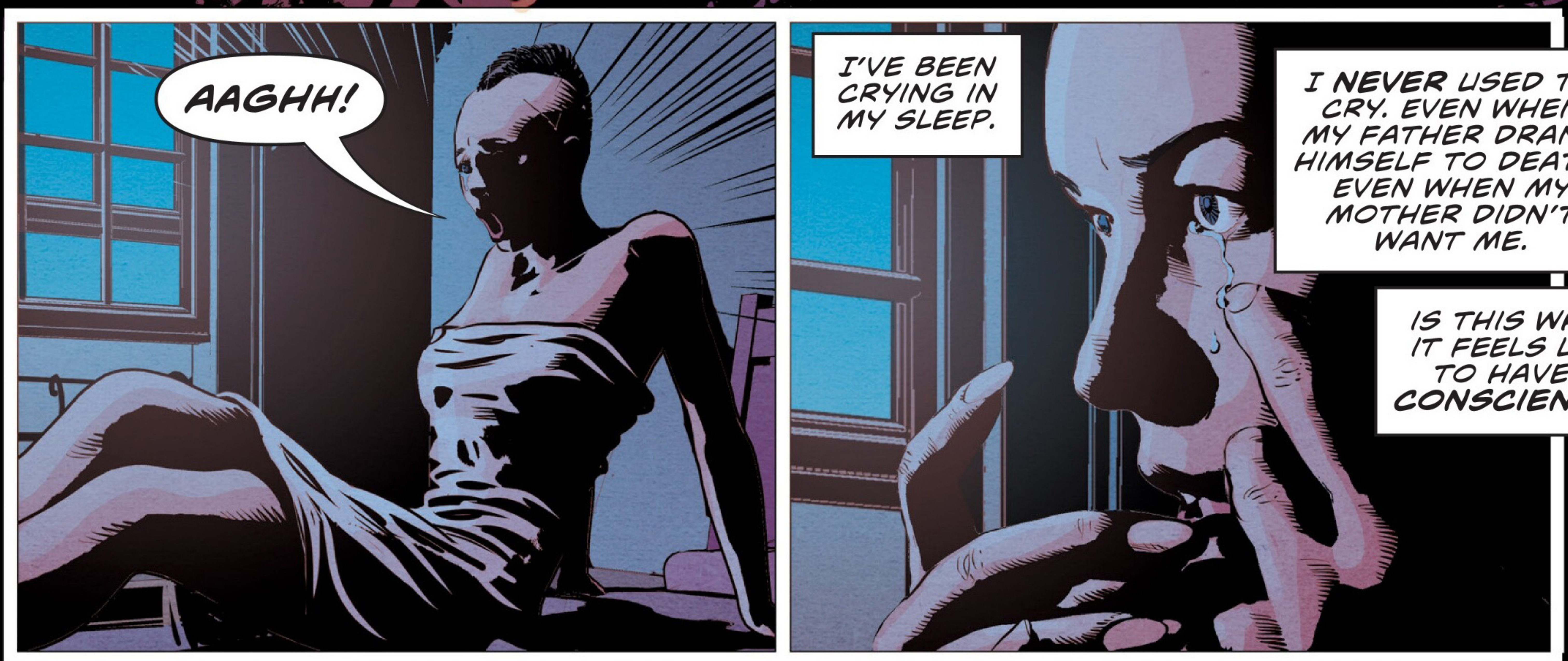
AAGHH!
I'VE BEEN CRYING IN MY SLEEP.
I **NEVER** USED TO CRY. EVEN WHEN MY FATHER DRANK HIMSELF TO DEATH. EVEN WHEN MY MOTHER DIDN'T WANT ME.
IS THIS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE A **CONSCIENCE?**

IF THIS **IS** SOME KIND OF CONSCIENCE, I DON'T WANT IT.
WHAT I HAVE TO DO, WHAT I'VE DONE ALL MY LIFE, A CONSCIENCE IS THE **LAST** THING YOU NEED.
SEE, I'VE FOUND MY NEXT TARGET.
TWO YEARS AGO, A TRUCK RAN A RED LIGHT AND WIPED OUT A FAMILY OF FOUR.
Fed..x
THE TRUCK DRIVER, ONE **ANTON MURPHY,** HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY.
TWO PARENTS, TWO TEENAGED KIDS. FOUR LIVES.
ERASED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
BUT IT HARDLY MATTERS WHAT HE DID.
IT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO HIM THAT COUNTS.

MURPHY GOT OFF ON A TECHNICALITY. SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARRESTING COP NOT READING HIM HIS RIGHTS.
IT TAKES ME A DAY TO FIND OUT ABOUT ALL THIS.
AFTER THE ACCIDENT, HE TOOK AN INTEREST IN RELIGION.
ATTENDING THE SAME CHURCH THAT HIS PARENTS ONCE FREQUENTED.
MAYBE HE TOOK CONFESSION. MAYBE HE ASKED FOR ABSOLUTION. MAYBE HE EVEN FOUND SOME COMFORT.
RECENTLY HE'S SWAPPED THE CHURCH FOR A **GUN CLUB**.
WHERE HE SPENDS MOST HIS DAYS BLASTING AWAY AT MAN-SHAPED TARGETS.
WHO IS HE SEEING WHEN HIS BULLETS SMASH INTO THOSE CUT-OUT MEN?
WHO IS HE TRYING TO KILL?

I WAIT UNTIL DARK AND DECIDE TO GO IN THE BACK WAY OF HIS THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT. THAT LEAVES ME ABOUT 40 MINUTES TO GET ABSOLUTION.
IT WON'T BE EASY: MURPHY'S PROBABLY GOT A SMALL ARSENAL IN THERE. AND I'M PROBABLY EXACTLY WHAT HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR.
RESTA
A **FLESH-AND-BLOOD TARGET** INSTEAD OF ALL THOSE CUT-OUT ONES.
LIKE MOST GUN FREAKS, HE'S PROBABLY A LITTLE PARANOID. THERE'LL BE BARS ON THE WINDOWS.
SO I'VE BROUGHT ALONG SOMETHING I HAD MADE FOR MYSELF.
IT TAKES ME FIFTEEN MINUTES TO GET TO HIS WINDOW.
I THOUGHT I WAS READY FOR EVERYTHING. ALARM, RAZOR WIRE, ANYTHING.
BUT WHAT I SEE COMPLETELY THROWS ME.

Absolution Score 89%

YuhMona uhh,,, its open???

jessaddison creepy

IS THIS A TRAP? IT MUST BE A TRAP.
MAKING IT EASY SO I WALK RIGHT INTO HIS FIRING LINE?
franch-gerbil
rip nina shes bout to get no-scoped by this guy
COME RIGHT IN, NINA. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, NOW!
I HAVE NO WEAPONS.
COME CLOSER. I WANT TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU WHILE YOU KILL ME.
WHAT'S YOUR GAME, MURPHY?
THERE IS NO GAME. I WANT TO DIE.
AND I WANT YOU TO KILL ME.
Absolution Score 91%

beeezthekneeez Kill him!
madward36 Kill him!
WHY...DO YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOU?
I CAN'T GO ON LIVING... WITH THE GUILT OF WHAT I DID TO THAT POOR FAMILY. IT H-HAUNTS MY EVERY WAKING MOMENT.
I KNOW YOU NEED TO TITILLATE YOUR AUDIENCE--SO IF YOU WANT TO HURT ME A LITTLE BEFORE YOU KILL ME, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY WORSE THAN I ALREADY DO.
I'LL BET SHE *CAN*.
I'LL BET SHE'S GONNA SHOW HIM.
LIKE THIS?
SMKK
UGH.
Absolution Score 96%
THAT'S GOOD. I *DESERVE* THAT.
DO IT AGAIN, *HARDER*--THEN BLOW MY WORTHLESS BRAINS OUT.

IF YOU'RE SO DESPERATE TO DIE...WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SUCK A GUN AND PULL THE TRIGGER?
NINA, I... I T-TRIED...I COULDN'T D-DO IT. I NEED IT TO BE YOU.
tr1g0nally
KILL HIM
COME ON. I'M A BIG FAN. I WANT YOU TO GET WHAT YOU DESERVE. KILL ME AND YOU'LL GET ABSOLUTION.
YOU REALLY THINK IT'S THAT *EASY?* BANG BANG, I'M REDEEMED?
Absolution Score 99%
SHE'S ALMOST *TIMED OUT*--BUT SHE'S ON 99%!
ABSOLUTION IS AN UNCONTESTED LAYUP AWAY.
COME ON, NINA! COME ON!
YOU DO WHAT YOU DAMNED WELL WANT TO DO, GIRL.

THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT: TORTURE. DEATH. DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S DESERVED. DOESN'T MATTER WHO DOLES IT OUT. DOESN'T MATTER IF IT ERASES INJUSTICE OR CREATES IT.
W-WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU *HAVE* TO KILL ME! ABSOLVE YOURSELF!
I'M DONE KILLING, MURPHY. TO HELL WITH MY SCORE. TO HELL WITH MY FOLLOWERS.
I'M THROUGH PLAYING THEIR SICK GAME.
WALKING AWAY, FEELING FREE, I WONDER, IS THIS WHAT TRUE ABSOLUTION FEELS LIKE?
TIME'S ALMOST UP. FIVE... FOUR...
...THREE... TWO...
ABSOLUTION TIMED OUT.

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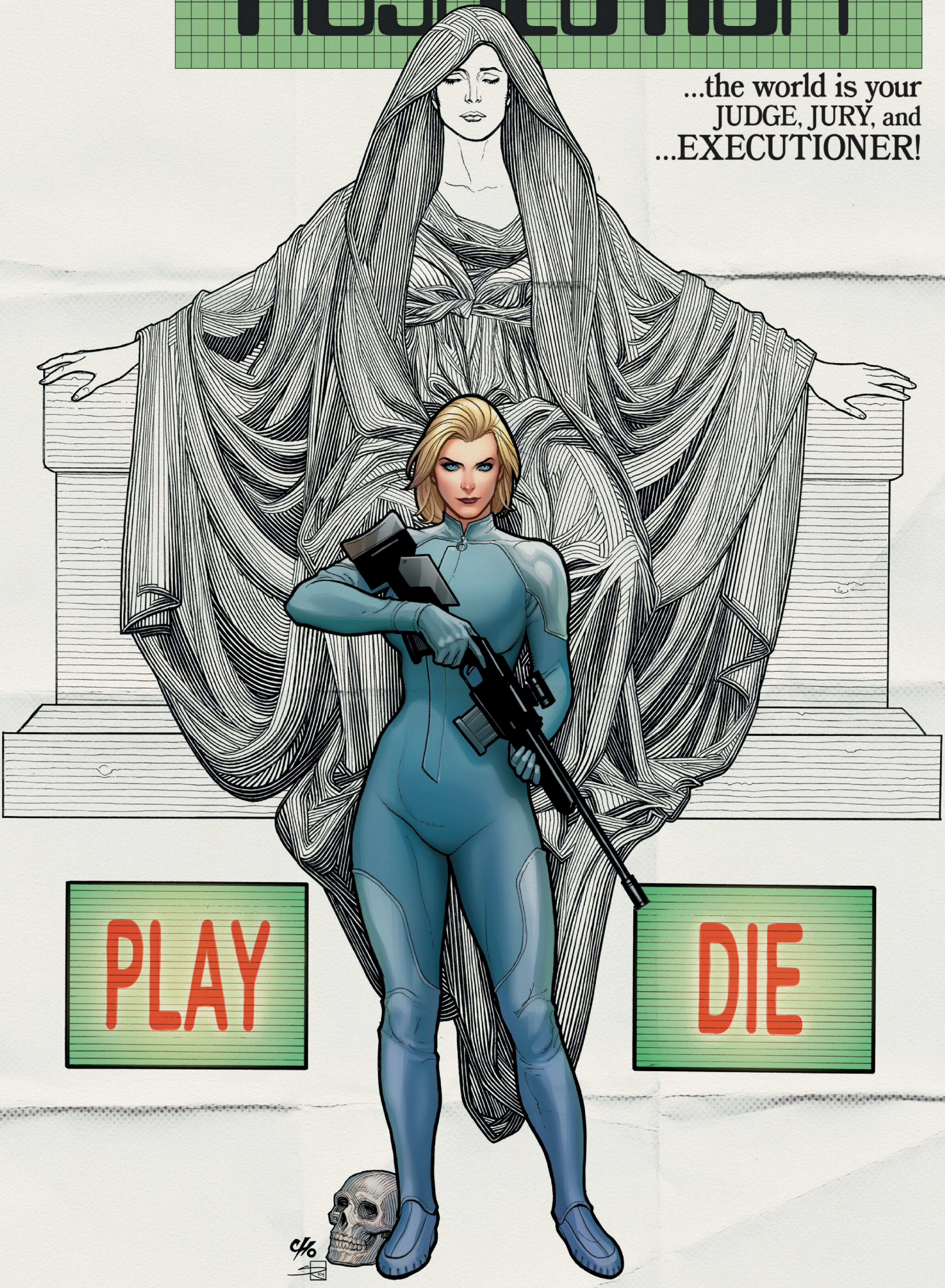
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REDEEMING QUALITY

BY
PETER MILLIGAN

When I was young, I had a friend who used to make up imaginary sins at confession so he could receive absolution. He was a well-behaved kid and thought if he had nothing to confess (which in truth he didn't), the priest would think he was holding stuff back.

This was how it started but I think it became more than that for him. I think he got a special kick out of being absolved for things he hadn't really done. Maybe he thought this was putting himself in credit, storing up all that absolution for when he was older and did something really bad.

This story would have more impact if I told you that kid went on to become a serial killer. But he didn't, he went on to become a serial bus driver.

Which is a long-winded way of saying the idea of absolution, of being cleansed of your sins or transgressions, has always intrigued me.

Recently I bumped into that old friend who lied about his sins…and it got me thinking a lot about absolution again. I imagined someone who had done bad things. Really bad things. I'm talking multiple murders here. Someone who had been paid to take human lives and was very good at it.

How could someone such as this be absolved?

I imagined Nina Ryan, an assassin with 158 kills to her name. Could someone like Nina be absolved? In the great blood-stained ledger book of her life, how might she go about balancing the credit and debit?

I wasn't sure if absolution was possible for someone like Nina.

And not being sure about something is for me the best reason for writing about it.

By now, Nina and her world were coming into focus. I saw her operating in a violent near-future that's just as social media-obsessed as our own. A world where the link between neurobiology and crime is accepted. A world where absolution has been turned into the biggest show on earth. Absolution as entertainment.

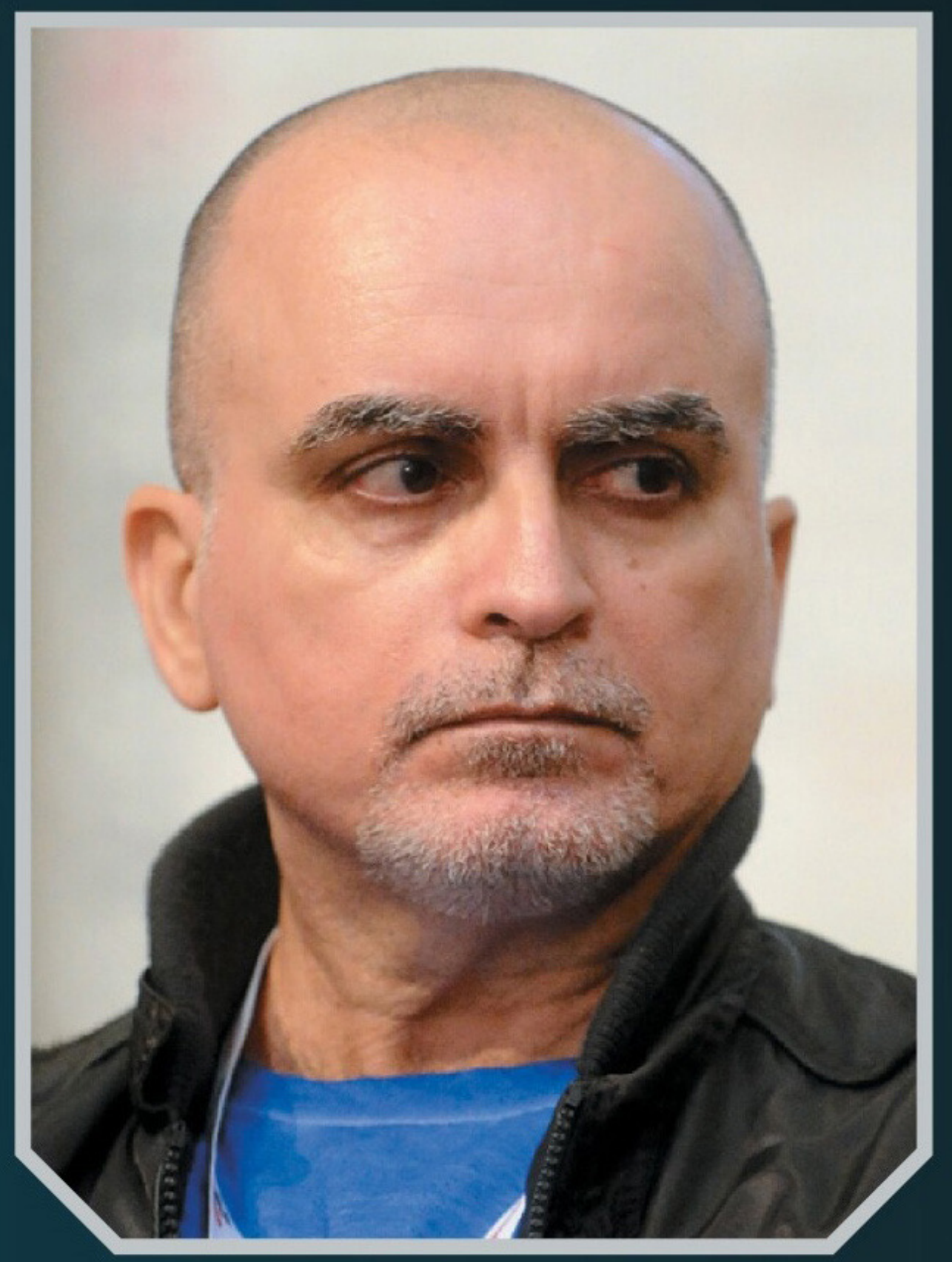
Of course, the world took on more shape as I worked through the story with Michael Coast and Axel Alonso at AWA. Some elements that I perhaps hadn't considered enough grew in importance.

Questions like, just who decides whether someone is worthy of absolution?

As I write this, I have finished my story. I am seeing it brought to incredible life by the great Mike Deodato.

In the end, does the assassin Nina Ryan deserve, get, or even want such a thing as Absolution?

Join us in this edgy, violent, morally-complex story—and then make up your own mind. •



BY
MIKE DEODATO JR.

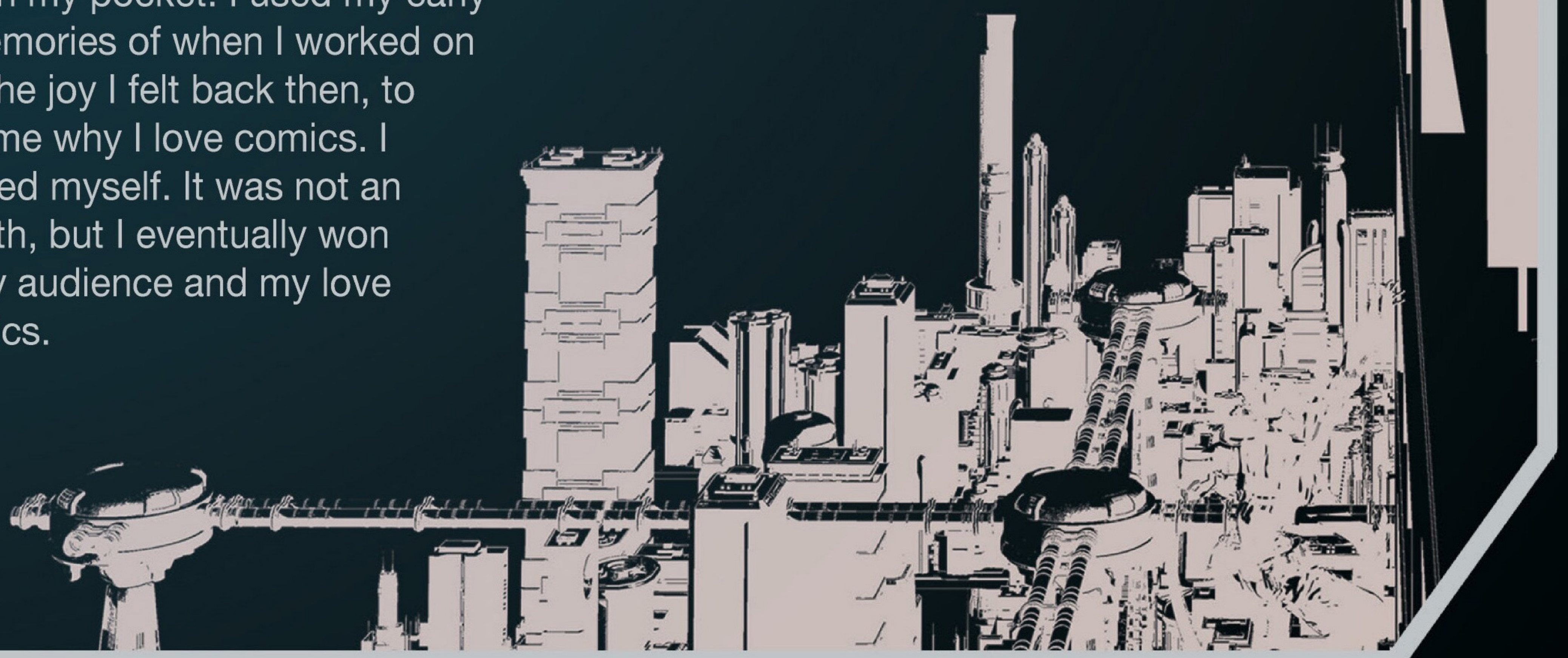
Twenty-six years ago I was drawing a book about a female assassin, resurrected from the dead, who was in search of redemption in her new life while fighting to stay alive. My personal life and my career were in a kind of danger as well. Too much work and too little sleep burned me out. I lost my love for comics and I lost my audience along with it. By the end of the nineties, I was being rejected by all the big companies because my work was just not good anymore.

I had to regroup. I needed to resurrect my career and my love for comics. I learned English, fired my agents and decided that, from that point on, I would favor quality over quantity, even if that meant less money in my pocket. I used my early fond memories of when I worked on indies, the joy I felt back then, to remind me why I love comics. I reinvented myself. It was not an easy path, but I eventually won back my audience and my love for comics.

Today, I am working on a book about a female assassin in search of redemption while fighting to stay alive. There are big changes in my professional life again: After 24 years of working for Marvel, I decided it was time to create my own heroes. So I left the company to pursue a creator-owned career. A new start. Remember the book I mentioned in the beginning? That was *Elektra*, written by Peter Milligan, the same writer of the book you have in your hands.

It might feel like déjà vu, but I guess it's just life going in circles: At 59, I feel like I am only 20. Hope you enjoy ***Absolution*** as much as I did.

I am just starting. •



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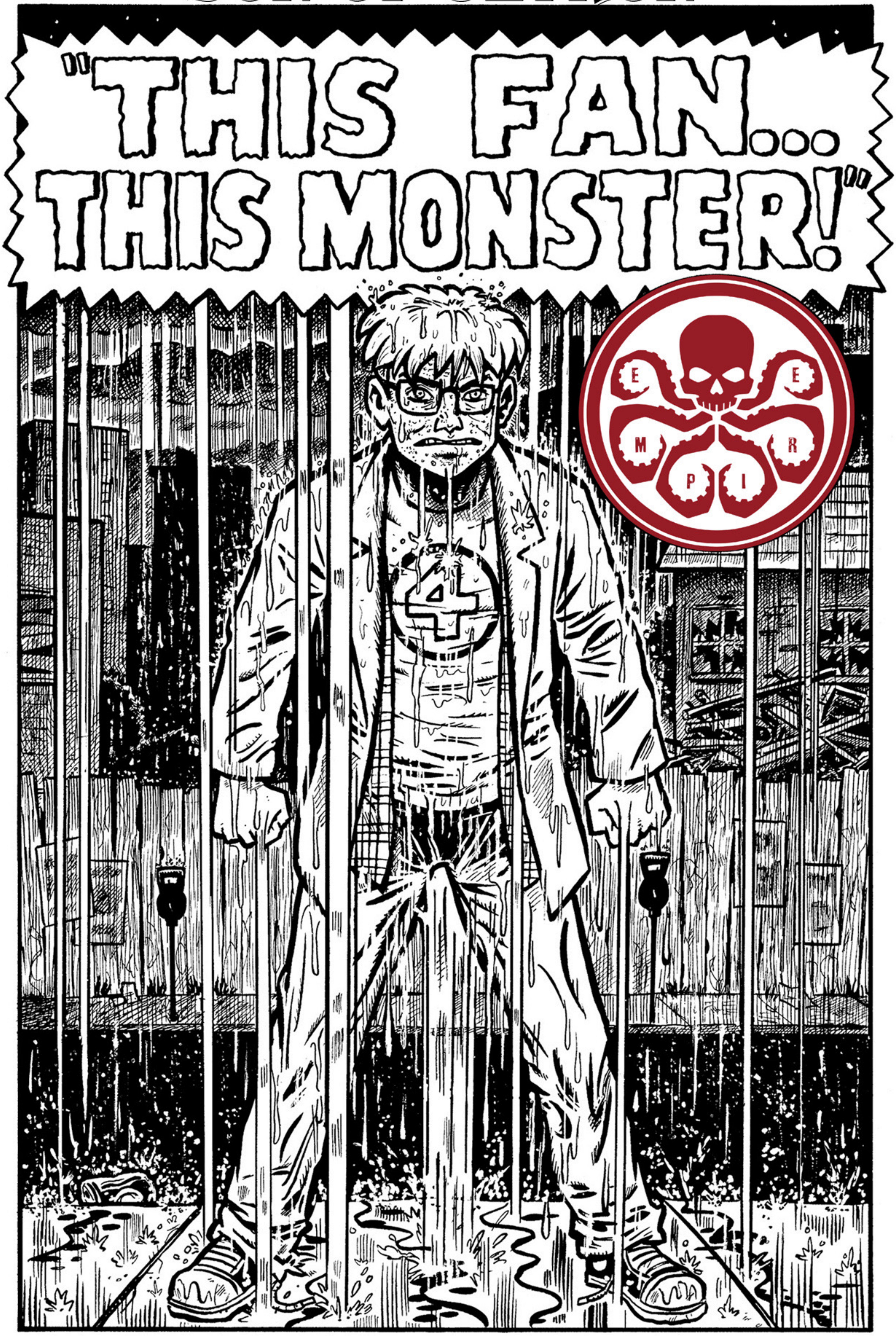
"THIS FAN... THIS MONSTER!"